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Smith gears up to defeat Major over Maastricht

Labour may join Tory rebels to defeat the government on Maastricht. In an interview with *The Times*, John Smith rejects suggestions that accepting the social chapter would wreck the bill

BY PETER RIDDELL AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN Smith yesterday gave a warning that Labour was prepared to defeat the government over the Maastricht treaty and he distanced his party from an early return to the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM).

In a comprehensive interview with *The Times*, the Labour leader made plain that he was prepared to join forces with Conservative Euro-sceptics to end Britain's exclusion from the European Community's controversial social chapter, despite government warnings that such a course would wreck the treaty. The social chapter was dropped from the Maastricht treaty in response to Britain's objections and made the subject of a protocol by the other 11 EC member states.



Mr Smith also gave notice that legislation to prevent hereditary peers from sitting in the Lords would be an early priority of a Labour government. Only life peers would be allowed in the first stage of a reform that would lead eventually to an elected second chamber. He also opposed suggestions that Labour should dismantle the monarchy, although the removal of formal royal prerogative powers, exercised by the prime minister over appointments and treaties, is likely to be considered as part of Labour's review of the constitution.

Mr Smith was confident and relaxed after setting his party's future course in his Bournemouth speech on Sunday. He revealed a deep passion about the plight of those denied educational and job opportunities, and defined socialism as the provision of life chances and the correction of injustices through the power of the community.

He said he was putting forward a "consciously populist" agenda, saying that he was "fiercely determined" to win the next general election. He said it was his intention to settle the proportional representation debate within Labour at this year's party conference in October.

Mr Smith appeared to go further than John Major in rejecting an early return to the ERM. The prime minister has ruled out re-entry for at least a year, but Mr Smith suggested that it could take even longer. He laid down new, tough conditions for economic performance that Labour believes Britain will have to achieve before a return to the ERM can be contemplated.

He ruled out Labour support for a referendum on the Maastricht bill, but his clear indication that he will ask Labour MPs to support amendment 27, ending the British opt-out on the social chapter, will alarm the government. A hard core of Tory Euro-sceptics are plotting to suppress their antagonism to the social chapter because they believe that a government defeat on this issue would change the text of the treaty. As a result, Maastricht would have to be reconsidered in every EC state, most of which have completed ratification.

The government has done nothing to dissuade sceptics from that view and Foreign Office ministers have even written to Liberal Democrat MPs warning them that they risked sinking Maastricht if they backed the social chapter.

Mr Smith repudiated the government's line; he said acceptance of the chapter would not wreck the bill and predicted that other EC states would speedily accommodate Britain because they had signed up for the chapter. "It is idle to say that it would wreck the bill. We do not believe that for a minute, " he said.

Tory ministers will also seize on Mr Smith's pledge that the growing number of part-time workers should have the same rights and protection as full-time staff. This has big implications for business costs and future employment.

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Pop stars: Guy Woodall, left, and Ray Bevan, vintners, celebrating in London yesterday after the High Court overruled French objections to their description of a soft drink as elderflower champagne. Report, page 6

Portillo attacked over plans to reform welfare

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS were under fire last night over their plans for a fundamental rethink of manifesto pledges on health and welfare spending.

Labour accused the government of "placing the axe over the welfare state" and pandering to the far right. Ministers countered by insisting that it was right to give full value for every penny of taxpayers' money.

After a weekend of intense press speculation about a threat to the basic state pension and unemployment benefit, Michael Portillo was forced by Opposition pressure to come to the Commons and explain himself. He said that there would be no sacred cows in a wholesale re-examination. "Nothing should be ruled out of the scrutiny for value for money and effectiveness of delivery."

Mr Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, did not rule out changes to the state pension but indicated that any restructuring would not come before the next election. He said that the four-year rolling review of all Whitehall departments would initially focus on the four largest: health, education, social security and the Home Office.

He told MPs that the main objective was to identify areas where better targeting could be achieved or from which the public sector could withdraw. He said that the reviews would deal with pressures that would build up over the next 20 years, although provisional findings would be used in this year's spending round.

Harriet Harman, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, claimed that the rolling programme was a "panic response" to the recession and rising unemployment. It would be wholly wrong if

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British soldiers of fortune murdered in Bosnia

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO British mercenaries fighting with Muslim forces in central Bosnia have been tortured and killed. Their bodies were found trussed up in a village near Turbe, which has been hit by Serbian artillery in the past three months.

The mercenaries were believed to be Ted Skinner and Derek Arnold, who both claimed to be ex-servicemen. They were known to the British soldiers based in Vitez, eight miles east of Turbe.

The Britons were seized from their flat in Travnik, two miles from Turbe, in the middle of the night. Major Martin Waters, the British forces spokesman at Vitez, said: "It appears they were taken to a hamlet near by, tied up, tortured and shot."

Turbe is controlled by Bosnian government forces. There has been friction in the area between the Muslims and their supposed Croat allies. The local militia claimed the murders were the work of Mujahidin mercenaries, who arrived last year in Travnik from countries such as Pakistan and Morocco. The bodies of the two Britons were taken to the local hospital.

The Foreign Office in London said it was unable to confirm the identities of the mercenaries. Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, was told of the deaths when he visited Bosnia at the weekend. "The matter is in the hands of the United Nations and the Red Cross," the Foreign Office said.

Mr Skinner claimed recently that he supplied information to the British troops in Vitez about the fighting between the warring factions. At least three other British mercenaries are known to have been killed in Bosnia.

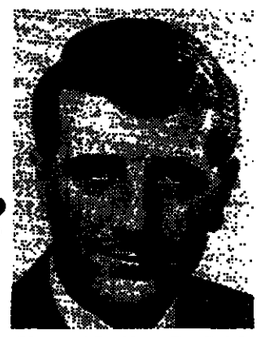
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Blunders by council and police blamed for child sex scandal

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A SERIES of blunders by social services managers and police was responsible for one of the worst child sex abuse scandals of recent years, two reports said yesterday.

Incompetent managers allowed the social worker, Frank Beck, to abuse and terrorise children for 13 years because they were blind to the warning signs and deaf to the children's complaints. Beck was sentenced to five life terms in jail in 1989 for abusing up to 200 children.

A government enquiry into the case by Andrew Kirkwood, QC, and a police report condemn Leicestershire County Council and the police for incompetence, negligence and bad practice. Tim Yeo, parliamentary secretary at the health department, said the report revealed a horrifying story of neglect and mismanagement.

"There can be no excuse for the history of neglect and incompetence which rings out of every page of this report. The terrible catalogue of abuse perpetrated by Frank Beck, a qualified social worker, and others ran unchecked as a result of Leicestershire County Council's abysmal failure to conduct even the most basic management scrutiny of what was happening in one of their own homes."

Leicester County Council pledged yesterday a full investigation. "No stone will be left unturned in looking at past conduct," Brian Waller, its social services director, said. "We intend to ensure our homes are run by people of impeccable reputation."

Three senior managers among the eight singled out for criticism in the Kirkwood enquiry are still employed by the council. Allegations against a further 24 staff currently employed are being investigated. Mr Waller said he was "absolutely confident" that there could be no repetition of the Beck scandal now new checks were in place.

But David Berridge, research director of the National Children's Bureau, said there had been gross neglect of residential care for children for 20 years. "Faced with constant criticism, residential social workers have not believed in what they have been doing and have gone into a spiral of despair. Central and local government share some of the responsibility but a major part of the blame must be laid at the door of social services managers," he said.

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NatWest to shed 4,000 more jobs

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

NATIONAL Westminster is to cut 4,000 jobs this year, largely from its bank branches, adding to the estimated 70,000 jobs lost from the banking industry since the financial services boom came to an end in the late eighties.

The House of Commons employment committee is to write to NatWest enquiring about how it handled the latest tranche of redundancies. The committee recently interviewed Lord Younger, chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland, about the 3,500 job cuts he announced in November.

NatWest, which has reduced its number of branches by 100 a year over the past three years, will close another 100 this year. About 3,200 jobs will go from the branch network, a further 600 from group services such as property and catering, and the remaining 200 or so from NatWest Markets, the stockbroking, dealing and treasury arm of the bank.

NatWest said that the further cuts were necessary because 70 per cent of its customers now withdraw cash from automated tellers, more people are using Switch cards rather than cheque books and there is increasing use of telephone banking services. More centralised administration and the continuing dull state of the economy were further reasons.

The bank said that it was striving to keep the number of compulsory redundancies to a minimum and that the cuts would involve higher grades of staff such as bank managers and their assistants.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

What the Dickens must a chap do to be heard?

Dominating the Commons on Monday was non time-sensitive bulk cargo. Junior minister Steven Norris raised the subject in reply to a question from Kate Hoey (Lab, Vauxhall) about using the Thames to move goods and people through London. To cries of "geddintheriver!" from Dennis Skinner, Mr Norris agreed with Miss Hoey that water transport had much to offer, particularly for "non time-sensitive bulk cargo". As he spoke, an enormous mound of pink flesh and grey suiting behind him began to quiver.

It was the Incredible Bulk: Geoffrey Dickens (C, Littleborough & Saddleworth). Mr Dickens is bulk cargo in every sense but the intellectual. He is also non time-sensitive: indeed he is non *anything*-sensitive, bellowing his bulky opinions at the wrong time, for a long time, at maxi-volume, yet without malice. MPs like him.

Mention of heavy goods, seemed to disturb his non time-sensitive reverie. He indicated that he wished to speak. Sadly, Madam Speaker was non Dickens-sensitive, failed to see him, and called BobDunn (C, Dartford). The Incredible Bulk subsided but continued to quiver. Dickens is non rebuff-sensitive.

Dunn's main point was that the Thames is underused: but, the minister being an Essex man (representing Epping Forest), the genial Kentish MP permitted himself to add that the Thames was useful for keeping Essex out of Kent. Non jibe-sensitive, Norris ignored the slur.

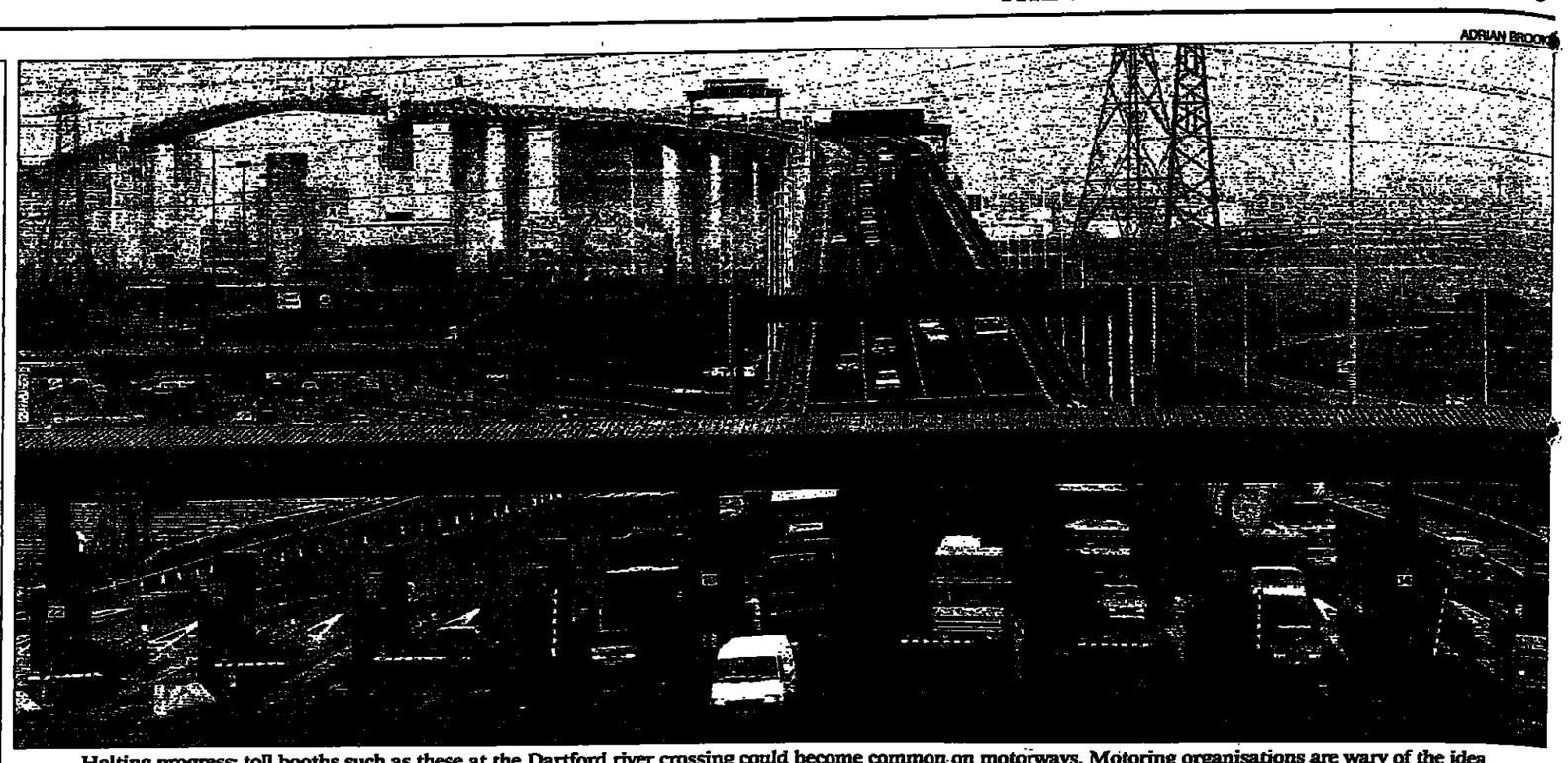
A long exchange followed about the International Maritime Organisation and ocean-going tankers. Dickens is not ocean-going but was sufficiently non subject-sensitive to continue his struggle to intervene. Like Pooh bear, once Mr Dickens decides that Monday is going to be a Dickens-Asking-a-Question Day, he *will* ask a question, and it *doesn't* matter on what, and you *might* as well let him.

There was then a polite to-do between the MP for Orkney & Shetland and the MP for the Western Isles, over where tankers would go if they didn't go near Shetland. The Western Isles's MP thought they might go too near the Western Isles. Hopefully they will avoid both: we just thank our lucky stars that the British constitution fails to supply the shipping areas with MPs of their own, or we should have had Sir Bufton Tufton (C, Finisterre), Jeremy Slightly-Unnerving (Lib-Dem, Fastnet) and Stan Wainwright (Lab, Dogger) raging at each other all day.

Dickens rose again on the next question, about road-building, but was not called. After that came a question from Labour's William O'Brien about the route of the A1 through Ferrybridge. Answering was junior minister Kenneth Carlise, a small, quiet, sensitive and utterly courteous man. O'Brien called him "unfair, unkind, indifferent and uncharitable". Flustered by such attention, Carlisle assured O'Brien that the plans would be reviewed by an independent spectre. He told the hefty but cuddly Sir Donald Thompson (C, Calder Valley) that road noise could be reduced by earth mounds. Dickens quivered. What about MP mounds? Sir Donald and Mr Dickens might lie down on each side of the A1.

Throughout attorney-general's questions, which followed, Dickens persisted. I left as Douglas Hurd arrived for aid questions. Brow furrowed, Dickens was studying the Order Paper for ways in. The World Bank at question 39 or Sierra Leone at Question 43? Dickens could wait. The non time-sensitive bulk cargo was in no hurry.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Halting progress: toll booths such as these at the Dartford river crossing could become common on motorways. Motoring organisations are wary of the idea

MacGregor's plans for motorway tolls run into opposition

BY KEVIN EASON AND NICHOLAS WOOD

■ Motorway tolls could deter motorists and put an intolerable strain on smaller roads, motoring organisations are warning

HUNDREDS of villages and towns could suffer under the government's plan to turn Britain's motorways into toll roads with increased traffic congestion and environmental damage.

Motoring organisations and the Labour party yesterday attacked government proposals to make motorists pay-as-they-drive on motorways including the M1, M6 and M25. John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is due to publish the plans in a green paper after Easter.

John Prescott, Labour's chief transport spokesman, accused the government of another U-turn, saying that when Lord Parkinson was transport secretary he had rejected road pricing as a "tax on mobility". Mr Prescott claimed the move was a mark of desperation over the mounting public sector deficit. He said that the government raised £18 billion a year from taxes on motorists, but only a quarter of that sum went back into building and repairing roads and other forms of public transport. The figure had fallen from 35 per cent in 1979. The transport department said the tax take was £14 billion and road costs were £6 billion.

Mr MacGregor believes that money raised from tolls could help to pay for a £20-billion road-building programme.

The AA said that it might support tolls if the money went to pay for motorway building or improvements — Mr MacGregor's stated intention — and motoring taxes were reduced.

An AA spokesman said: "We should never forget that motorways are really very large bypasses used by a lot of local traffic. Drivers on fairly short journeys who use the motorway now will simply use local roads, bringing congestion to towns and villages which benefited from motorways."

The RAC said it was in favour of fresh efforts to bring in private funding to improve the roads system, but it was against traditional tolls as booths would lead to more congestion and divert traffic to less suitable routes. Any tolls should be matched by a reduction in motoring costs.

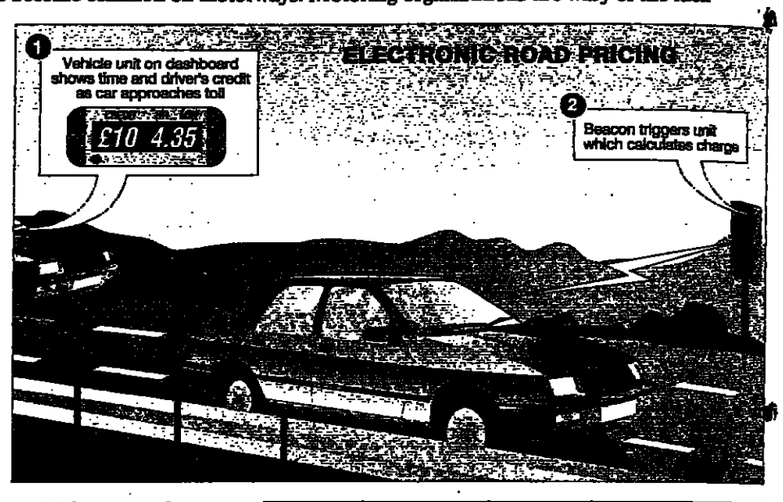
Edmund King, of the RAC, pointed out that the M25 had cut traffic in some Kent villages by 60 per cent as cars and lorries used the motorway link for short journeys. "That traffic will all come back to local roads," he said.

The RAC is considering a ballot of members on the issue, which it believes, would reveal widespread hostility. Mr King said: "There are 32 million motorists in this country and it looks as though the government has decided once again that they are an easy target to raise money."

The Road Haulage Association, which represents 10,500 independent freight companies, said it would not accept any proposals to charge for motorway use. "There is already a huge gap between what the motorist pays to the Treasury and the money spent on roads," a spokesman said. "Now the government wants us to pay twice."

The British Road Federation indicated a willingness to discuss proposals if motoring taxes were spent on road building. However, a spokesman added: "The idea is fraught with difficulties which would have to be overcome and could end up costing more than is collected."

Haulage companies said that increased costs forced by tolls would have an impact on inflation.



Charging could ease rush hour

BY NICHOLAS WATT

ELECTRONIC tolls are relatively simple and can help to reduce rush-hour traffic. GEC Marconi is at present trying out a system, Timezone, that controls traffic flow by charging motorists higher amounts on congested roads.

With Timezone an electronic unit in the car is activated by a beacon as the motorist enters a toll zone. Credit is then debited from a "smart card". Higher prices can be charged during peak periods or on busier roads.

Paul Kimber, spokesman for GEC, said yesterday that Timezone, which is about to go on trials in Richmond upon Thames, ensures good traffic flow. "Cars do not have to stop as they pass the beacon because the unit in the car picks up the signals," he said.

Mr Kimber used his journey, from Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, to London, to illustrate how Timezone would work. "As I got into my car my smart card would tell me how much credit I had. But I wouldn't have to start paying until I reached the toll zone which could start as the M11 passes the M25, for example. If I passed under the M25 before the toll period started then the unit in my car, which has a clock, would not start debiting from my credit until the charge time. Prices could be increased as I drove closer to London."

Other systems include electronic versions of existing tolls. Cambridge City Council is also experimenting with a system which charges motorists as they enter the city.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Joyrider on remand blighted PC's life

A teenage joyrider who caused a high-speed crash in which a policeman was blinded had been remanded on bail only the day before for three car-crime offences. At York Crown Court yesterday, Kevin Bruce, 18, admitted aggravated vehicle taking and other motoring offences and was sent to a young offenders' institution for the maximum two years.

Bruce, of Selby, North Yorkshire, crashed a stolen car into a lorry while being followed by Constable Ken Moss, 35, at speeds of up to 120mph. The officer's patrol car hit the lorry as it slewed across both lanes and he suffered multiple injuries to face and body. Bruce escaped without serious injuries but one of his two passengers, teenage girls who had absconded from a children's home, lost an arm.

Bruce had been remanded the day before the crash for driving stolen cars. Judge David Savill QC said: "As a result of your arrogance and selfishness, two people have suffered appalling injuries. You blighted their lives and you will have to live with that."

Murder charge remand

The father of Linda Fleming, 23, the trainee pharmacist found dead by a moorland road last week, appeared before magistrates in Halifax yesterday accused of her murder. Derek Fleming, 51, a joinery factory manager, was remanded in custody for eight days, but was granted leave not to appear in court again until February 25. No application was made for bail and reporting restrictions were not lifted. Mr Fleming was charged with murdering his daughter at their semi-detached home in Elland, near Halifax, West Yorkshire, on a day between January 22, when she disappeared, and January 31, when her body was discovered by ramblers.

Gas prices frozen

British Gas is to freeze prices for its 18 million domestic and small business customers from April 1. The company said it took the decision even though a price formula agreed with gas watchdog Ofgas last year would have permitted an increase in line with inflation. The freeze comes after British Gas cut its prices twice last year following a threat of legal action by Ofgas. Sir James McKinnon, Ofgas director general, said he believed the price freeze was an attempt to pre-empt publication of his annual report today.

Festival funding blow



The weakness of the pound has hit plans for this year's Edinburgh Festival, Brian McMaster, right, its director, said. Organisers are seeking more public money towards the £4.3 million cost. Mr McMaster said: "Our international programme is very badly affected by the pound's position in international markets. Without additional support we may have to make some difficult decisions."

Charity spurs trekkers

Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud are continuing their record-breaking walk across Antarctica largely to raise more money for charity. They have already achieved their two principal goals of being the first to cross the continent by foot and making the longest unsupported polar walk, but for every further mile they will raise more than £1,500 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. David Harrison, London spokesman for the expedition, said that they were making "unbelievable progress" towards their final goal, Scott Base.

Royal kitchens scoured

The Queen has had the kitchens at Sandringham steam-cleaned after she and 30 guests and staff suffered gastroenteritis over the Christmas holiday. Buckingham Palace said the cleaning was standard procedure and had been carried out at other homes near her Norfolk estate where the Norwalk 2 strain of virus had been identified.

Portillo attacked over welfare cuts

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Britain paid the price in worse schools and health care and in lost pensions and benefits.

Donald Dewar, shadow social security secretary, said that the review had nothing to do with making the welfare system work better. He said that Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, "has been let loose with a remit to satisfy his far-right fan club by attacking the incomes of pensioners, the sick and the unemployed". While there was a case for rethinking welfare policy, there was no case for the government abandoning its reponsibilities.

Downing Street officials reaffirmed last night that manifesto commitments in areas such as child benefit and pensions would stand for this parliament but not necessarily beyond that.

Mr Portillo reminded the Opposition that John Smith, its leader, had set up a social justice commission to tackle the same issues. He claimed that Mr Smith had made a bonfire of Labour's manifesto commitments in his weekend speech on the party's new direction. "Frankly, it's a party that doesn't know its bottom from its elbow."

The announcement of the review was welcomed by a succession of Conservative MPs, although several urged caution in tackling spending on the health service and pensions. James Couchman (Gillingham) said that free health care was cherished by rich and poor alike. "Any erosion of that principle would be resented very deeply throughout the country."

CORRECTION

The Warden of Radley is Richard Morgan, and not, as incorrectly stated in a leading article on January 23, Sir Dennis Silk, his predecessor, who is president of the MCC.

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Pilot accused of murder after nine-month romance turned sour

Widow 'stabbed to death' by French lover

By Michael Horsnell

A RICH widow was stabbed to death by her jealous French lover, a pilot that she met and began an affair with during a holiday in Corsica, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Gaeton Beisy, 56, who flew beach flights for tourists in his two-seater plane, treated Carolyn Taylor, 54, like a queen after moving into her Surrey home. But he is said to have plunged a knife through her heart after accusing her of "sleeping around" at the end of their nine-month relationship.

M Beisy is then said to have threatened her son Mark with the knife before fleeing. He was discovered hours later in a field by police. He was in an alcoholic stupor, with the weapon and near-empty bottles of whisky and port beside him.

The defendant, who listened to the evidence through an interpreter, pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mrs Taylor on July 15 last year at Taresmocks, her large detached house near Dorking, and the attempted murder of her son.

Rosina Hare QC, for the defence, put it to Mark Taylor, 24, that he had killed his mother and falsely accused her lover. Mr Taylor, a self-employed mechanic, denied that he had committed the murder and told the jury that his inheritance was of no interest to him.

Graham Boal, for the prosecution, told the court that Mrs Taylor's husband, Harry, 54, had died from cancer in December 1990, leaving her with three children. "She was obviously bereft at her husband's death but in due course recovered some of her composure," Mr Boal said.

"In September 1991 she went on holiday with her daughter Samantha to Corsica. There, in what no doubt was a summer romantic atmosphere, she met this defendant. It seems that they fell almost instantly in love, so much so that at about the end of October Gaeton Beisy came to live with her in her house."

Mr Taylor, her younger son, also lived in the house while Samantha Taylor, 26, who was pregnant at the time, lived with her boy friend in a bungalow in the grounds.



Holiday affair: Carolyn Taylor met Gaeton Beisy in Corsica. Their relationship lasted nine months after she brought him to Surrey

Mr Boal said: "Two things perhaps led the defendant to be almost always in the company of Mrs Taylor. He scarcely let her out of his sight. The first thing was no doubt his attachment to her and, the Crown suggests, his possessive nature. The second was that he had difficulty with the English language. It seems he resented any occasion when Mrs Taylor was away from him."

Mr Boal alleged that, at 6.30am on July 15, Mr Taylor was awoken by the sound of his mother screaming and went down a staircase nearest his bedroom to find her naked and hysterical. Her face was covered in blood and she said: "Look what he has done to me. He has hit me with his fists. What am I going to do?"

Mr Taylor washed her face and fetched a T-shirt for her to wear before telephoning the family doctor.

Mr Boal said: "What happened in the event was dreadfully and fatefully simple." The defendant, who had entered the kitchen, lunged at her with a knife he had been holding behind his back and stabbed her through her heart, leaving a seven-inch wound, followed by another attack through her stomach.

"The defendant looked at Mark and said: 'I have killed your mother. I am going to kill you and Samantha. Your mother has been sleeping around.'" Mr Boal said. "That remark may be the only real clue as to what had happened upstairs to cause the violence in the first place. They had obviously been rowing about something."

Mr Taylor escaped through a kitchen window after M Beisy had lunged at him. He alerted police from his sister's bungalow, the court was told.

A police helicopter was used in the hunt and M Beisy was found unconscious. When interviewed by police, he chose not to answer their questions saying only that he was "very sad".

According to Mr Boal, Mr Beisy tried to kill himself in custody three days later, cutting his arms and wrists with glass from a pair of his spectacles. "The Crown suggests that he did that because he knew he had killed his lover."

Mr Taylor told the court: "Gaeton loved her very dearly. He was very considerate towards her. My own personal understanding was he was very possessive of her."

Under cross-examination, Mr Taylor said that he resented his mother giving her lover his father's signet ring but said that his principal concern in the relationship was his mother's happiness and welfare.

The trial continues today.

Dead men denied they waged war for money

■ Disclosures of concentration camp regimes are cited by British mercenaries as justification for bearing arms in Bosnia

By Michael Evans and Adam LeBor

THE killing of two British mercenaries in Bosnia-Herzegovina has underlined the appalling price being paid by many Britons who are fighting on the side of the Muslims and Croats in the civil war.

For minimal financial rewards, the British mercenaries, many of them in their early 20s, are being caught up in the increasing hostility between the Muslims and Croats, whose alliance against the Serbs has broken down in recent weeks.

The dead men, believed to be Ted Skinner and Derek Arnold, had been operating in central Bosnia and were well known to the British soldiers at the camp in Vitez, eight miles from where their bodies were found.

Although there are no reliable statistics about the presence of British mercenaries in Bosnia, there are believed to be at least 100 at any time and there may have been 30 or 40 killed. The first Briton killed was Malcolm Frame, shot last summer. Several are also believed to be held prisoner by the Serbs.

The government discourages and disapproves of mercenaries and yet there appear to be many young men, some of them ex-servicemen, who are prepared to risk going to war as contract fighters.

David Connelly, a former lance corporal in The Parachute Regiment who has been twice to Croatia and once to Bosnia as a mercenary, said yesterday that only 10 per cent of the Britons fighting on the side of the Muslims and Croats were ex-servicemen. "Most of them are young guys without any experience who get a Kalashnikov thrust into their hands." Mr Connelly, 37, who left the army in 1986, said some were young British soldiers who had gone Awol from the army.

During his first trip to Croatia, where he helped to train the Croatian national guard, he was paid 30,000 dinars. "That was only worth about £100 so you're not out there for the money," he said. He was last in Bosnia five months ago.

Mr Connelly said: "Ninety per cent of the Britons I met out there are just looking for a fight. There are a lot of disillusioned youngsters there, although they are not all like that. I came across a 50-year-old ex-serviceman who used to be an army explosives expert and won the DSM (Distinguished Service Medal)."

Mr Skinner and Mr Arnold spoke to *The Times* last month and denied they were true mercenaries. They said pay was no more than £7 a month. Mr Arnold, 38, from Glasgow, who claimed to have served in a Scottish regiment for 12 years, said: "We get paid nothing and eat the same food as the others."

He said he and Mr Skinner supplied their own uniforms and field dressings but were given weapons. "That's why we are the best dressed soldiers in town," he said.

They said they were motivated by idealism. Mr Skinner, 40, said: "We've seen this happen before in Germany in 1940 when the world stood by and just said what a terrible thing it was."

He claimed to have served in the British and Australian armies for 15 years. "I'm not a doctor or a politician so I can't give medical or political help, but I am a soldier so I help militarily."

Mr Arnold said he had been inspired to come to Bosnia by the disclosures last summer of conditions in the Serb detention camps across north Bosnia. "My father helped liberate Belsen and I did not want to see it again." Much of their time was spent training novice fighters who had been sent to the front with inadequate weapons.

Apart from British volunteers, the Bosnian Muslim army has several hundred Mujahideen fighters from Islamic countries. There are also mercenaries from Hungary, Italy and Slovenia.

Law chiefs demand file on school rape

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE attorney-general is expected to appeal over the case of the 15-year-old rapist allowed to go free after being ordered to pay for a holiday for his schoolgirl victim.

Both the attorney, Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, have called for the papers from the Crown Prosecution Service. Sir Nicholas has 28 days in which to exercise his right of appeal over a sentence. An official in the law officer's department said the papers would be "considered carefully". An appeal is thought likely in view of the public outcry.

Judge John Prosser's sentence at Newport Crown Court last week of a three-year supervision order on the youth has prompted criticism from Tory and Labour MPs, the police, the girl's father and Victim Support. There have also been calls for male judges to be barred from such cases.

In the Commons yesterday, Sir Nicholas was pressed by MPs to refer the case to the Court of Appeal. He said: "I understand the concern, but it would be wrong to pre-empt my decision until I have seen the papers and factors that impinged on the mind of the learned judge in the case."

John Fraser, the shadow attorney-general, said that the appeal court should be given the opportunity to issue guidance on sentencing of juveniles. There had been concern about sentences received for very serious crimes.

Any action by the Lord Chancellor would not be over the sentence itself, as that would amount to an unconstitutional encroachment on judicial independence. Judges, though, have been called to task over their comments when passing sentence.

The judge did have ample powers to impose a custodial sentence, had he been minded, according to the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders yesterday. He could have sentenced the youth to detention of up to 12 months at a young offender's institution: or, if he favoured a longer sentence, he could have sentenced him to a period of detention up to the maximum the same offence would carry for an adult: in this case 14 years. Detention would probably be in a secure unit or a youth treatment centre.

The attorney-general has had a high success rate in the use of his power to appeal. Last year, 41 cases were referred. Three were withdrawn on the basis of fresh evidence and leave was refused in one. Of those heard by the court, in 19 cases the sentence was increased: 17 are pending a hearing and in one the sentence was withdrawn.

The youth has been expelled from the school at Cwmbran, Gwent, that he and his victim attended and he may never return to another school. Education officials fear sending him to another comprehensive because of the possible backlash from parents of teenage girls.

Actor denies killing Lady Cross in shop

By James Landale

THE star of a 1960s soap opera bludgeoned to death the wife of a former air chief marshall who worked at his antiques shop, a court was told yesterday. "Freddie" Bartman, who starred as Dr Simon Forrester in *Emergency Ward 10*, allegedly used antique brass fire irons to strike Lady Brenda Cross in a "savage" and "terrible" attack.

Lady Cross, 73, was discovered in September 1991 in the blood-spattered basement of the antiques shop in Pimlico, central London, where she worked part-time. A post-mortem examination showed she had been hit 30 to 40 times with two ornamental andirons, fireside brass log stands, in two attacks.

Mr Bartman, 68, of Chelsea, denies murder. David Calvert-Smith QC, for the prosecution, told the Old Bailey that Mr Bartman had struck Lady Cross after a row, just minutes before she was due to be collected for lunch by her husband, Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross, who was head of RAF Bomber Command from 1959-63.

He had taken her to work in the morning from their home in Pimlico. Mr Calvert-Smith said: "She unlocked the door, he ensured she was safely inside, she gave him the thumbs-up sign and he drove away. He was never to see her alive again."

A neighbouring antique dealer raised the alarm after seeing blood on the basement floor. Police discovered Lady Cross, a mother of three, still alive but she died soon afterwards. She had three fractures of the skull.

Mr Calvert-Smith said: "Most of the injuries to her skull occurred while she was lying on the ground, as at least 30 to 40 blows were delivered to her by fists, feet possibly, and weapons."

The court was told how Mr Bartman, described as a "successful professional actor", arrived on the scene within minutes after receiving a call from Sir Kenneth. Police said he was "ashen" and "shaking". Mr Calvert-Smith said: "Mr Bartman was upset and he said more than once, 'She's dead, isn't she?'"

He added that Lady Cross had been planning to leave the shop, called Anno Domini, which had run into financial difficulties.

The trial is expected to last three weeks.



Lady Cross: killed by at least 30 blows

Dublin's poor are given money to burn

By Edward Gorman
Ireland Correspondent

THE Irish Central Bank is helping poor families to reduce their winter fuel bills by allowing them to burn hundreds of thousands of pounds of old banknotes in their fireplaces. In a scheme organised with the St Vincent de Paul charity, logs made from shredded used banknotes are being given to dozens of families in the west Dublin suburb of Tallaght.

The Central Bank usually dumps its old money after shredding and baling it. But a staff member at the bank's currency centre suggested it might be more useful and less harmful to the environment if it were used as fuel.

"It's just commonsense," a charity worker on the scheme told the *Irish Press*. "The bank needs to get rid of them and the shredded bales burn almost as well as a [peat] briquette. Otherwise they are just dumped because they are no good to anyone."

St Vincent de Paul workers estimate that 1,500 to 2,000 money logs are being given away every week, amounting to millions of pounds in shredded Irish currency. The charity has found people both amused and grateful. "At first it was a novelty — the idea of putting what is actually thousands of pounds into their fireplaces and putting a match to it," one organiser told the paper. "But the fact is they really cut down on their fuel costs."

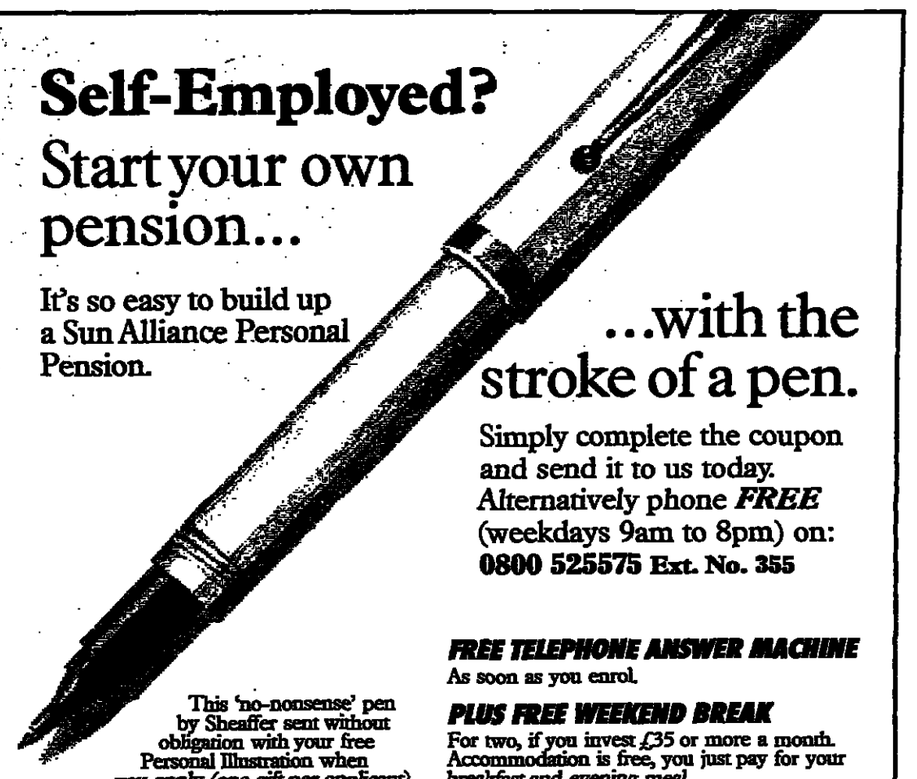
The Bank of England said that the idea seemed a "promising one". At present, old English notes are dumped in landfill sites, but better ways of disposing of them are being considered, including using shredded notes to make garden compost.

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Police prejudice and negligence helped Beck escape detection

■ Lessons for social services workers and the police are contained in the reports that chronicle the crimes of Frank Beck

THE social worker Frank Beck was able to abuse and terrorise children for 13 years because police and social services managers never believed their claims of sexual abuse.

Two reports published yesterday condemn Leicestershire County Council and the police for a combination of blunders that failed to stop Beck's cruel reign until 1989, when he received five life sentences in Britain's biggest child sex abuse trial.

The 355-page report on the government enquiry into the case said Leicestershire County Council's social services department, which allowed Beck to run three of its children's homes, was in chaos. It lacked a child-care strategy and firm leadership.

Police who were called in to investigate children's complaints made mistakes "through a combination of incompetence, negligence and prejudice compounded by a lack of understanding of child abuse", according to an enquiry by Chief Supt David Foster of West Mercia police.

The two investigations were launched after the 11-week trial of Beck and two other child abusers, at which it was said the former Royal Marine and Liberal councillor may have abused up to 200 children.

Police conducted four separate investigations into allegations about Beck's activities in Leicestershire. But when Beck left the county because of alleged sexual harassment, its then social services director, Brian Rice, wrote a reference that enabled him to work for other social services agencies.

The report on the government enquiry, by Andrew Kirkwood QC, said social services managers did not believe children who complained of sexual abuse, and warning signs were ignored by managers whose behaviour was naive and at times astonishing.

Mr Kirkwood said the department had a "management vacuum within which abuse and bad practice could generally flourish". Junior staff and middle managers confronted with complaints were anxious not to rock the boat, and there was a general attitude of "out of sight, out of mind".

Any investigations that were made into complaints were not recorded properly. Key witnesses were not interviewed. At the time of Beck's employment, there was no coherent childcare strategy, homes were surrounded by secrecy and there was little monitoring of individual homes. Mr Kirkwood said Beck's willingness to take on the most difficult children, combined with his "forceful, manipulative and at times petulant personality", made managers "afraid to challenge" him.

He was allowed to introduce his own controversial style of regression therapy even though he had no qualifications in therapeutic work.

David Prince, chief executive of Leicestershire County Council, said: "We owe it to the children now in our care, to future generations of children and to the public at large to ensure that every possible action is taken to prevent a repetition of these events."

Brian Waller, director of Leicestershire social services, said: "No stone will be left unturned in looking at past conduct."

The police report, carried out under the supervision of the Police Complaints Authority, said Beck's activities could have been exposed by investigations into his conduct in 1977, 1985 and 1986. "The substance of these complaints was greater than that of the complaint in 1989 which led to Beck's ultimate conviction."

In almost every case, contact with police came because a child absconded from a children's home but officers failed to establish why the children ran away.

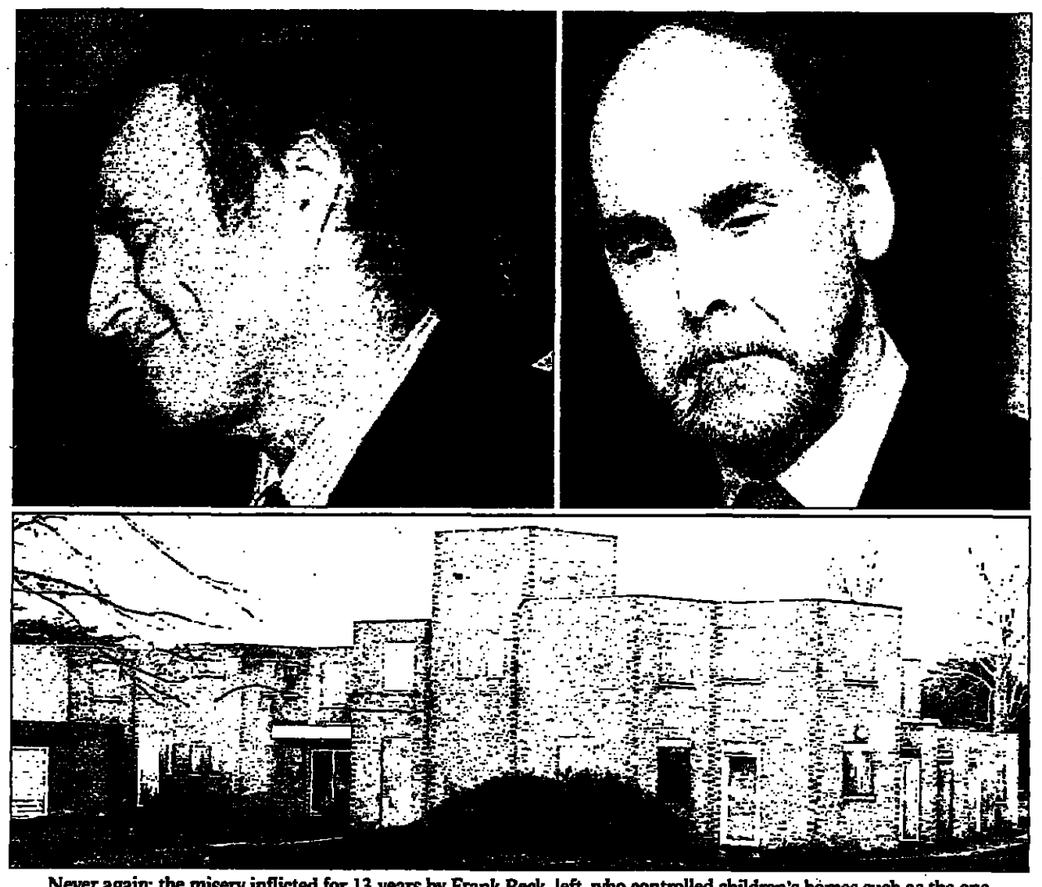
Officers openly disbelieved children's complaints, with some being hostile and looking on them as young criminals, Mr Foster said.

In nearly every case, police officers returned children to the home where the abuse took place, and in every case the social worker alleged to have carried out the abuse was allowed to remain at work throughout the course of the investigation. Police interviewed the children either at the home where they were abused, often in front of the abuser, or in a police station, but failed to record or investigate complaints and did not question vital witnesses.

William McCall, a member of the Police Complaints Authority, said the report contained lessons for police everywhere. "All forces should test their procedures for handling abuse cases in the light of these recommendations."

The recommendations include training officers to interview abused children and to record all allegations as crimes, irrespective of the youngsters' character.

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Never again: the misery inflicted for 13 years by Frank Beck, left, who controlled children's homes such as the one above in Ratcliffe Road, Leicester, must be prevented, said Brian Waller, right, head of Leicestershire social services

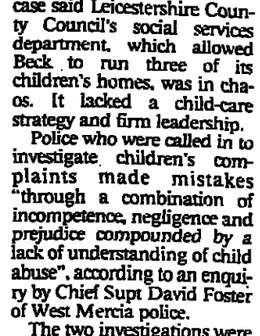
Eight staff face brunt of criticism

EIGHT senior managers, three of whom are still employed by Leicester County Council, are picked out for criticism in the Kirkwood report (Jeremy Laurance writes). Allegations have been received against a further 24 staff, independently of the enquiry, who are now under investigation.

The most stringent criticisms are levelled at five staff who have retired: Dorothy Edwards, director until 1980; Brian Rice, director from 1980-7; Terry Smith, deputy director; Peter Naylor, assistant director; and John Noblett, principal officer for children's homes.

MANAGERS

Also named and still employed by the authority are Michael Wells, the present deputy director; John Cobb, team manager for old people's homes; and Ron Fenney, senior solicitor. Brian Waller, director of social services, said they would be investigated with others named in the report who were less severely criticised and could be subject to disciplinary action.



Kirkwood: "Managers afraid to challenge Beck"

Disbelief that allows perverts to thrive

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE Kirkwood enquiry is the ninth report in eight years to highlight disquiet at the way children's homes are run. All have drawn attention to the same shortcomings but their findings have gone unheeded.

Public attitudes have been marked by a disbelief that abuse can occur in the homes combined with a lack of interest in the purpose of the homes. Mr Kirkwood says it would "not be wise" to assume that the events his report records could never happen again. Brian Waller, director of social services in Leicester, said it would be dreadful if the Kirkwood report was not acted upon. "Every authority needs to build in checks and balances and the government must help create a more positive view of residential care."

CHILDREN AT RISK

The number of children in care has fallen by more than a third in the past ten years but the problems of looking after them have grown worse. The fall reflects greater efforts by local authorities to keep families together and minimise heavy-handed intervention. Those left in care are the most damaged and vulnerable.

About 11,000 of the most disturbed children, who are not considered suitable for fostering, are in 1,300 homes. These are not orphans and truants whose lives can be transformed by kindness, but often violent, abusing and self-mutilating children, a third of them sex abuse victims and who make huge demands on staff.

In spite of the demands of the work, four out of five staff in children's homes are unqualified. The recent Warner report into social worker recruitment found many homes made no attempt to discover how candidates related to children or to uncover incidents in their past that could cause concern. One in ten heads of homes and one in three other staff were appointed before references were received and there were delays of up to three months in checking criminal records.

Since the Beck case, the government has announced tougher rules for the inspection of homes and selection of staff. Specialists believe that more needs to be done.

David Berridge, of the National Children's Bureau, said: "Residential care has gone into a vicious spiral over the past ten years and suffered appalling neglect from government and professional associations which has required a series of scandals to focus attention on it."

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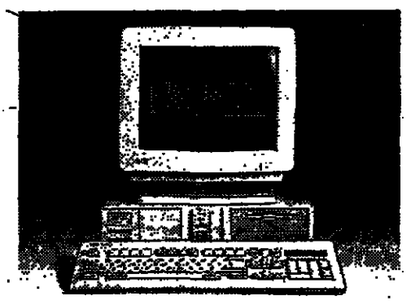
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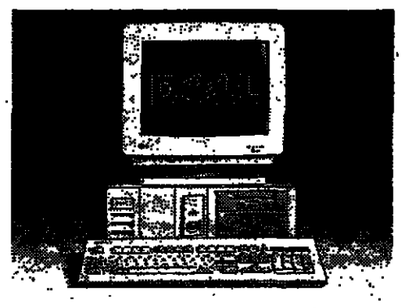
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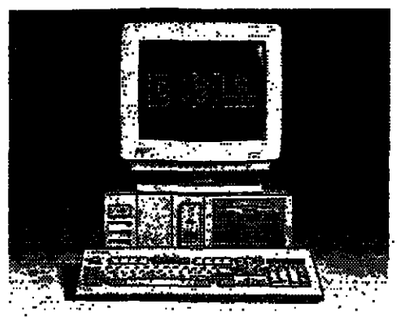
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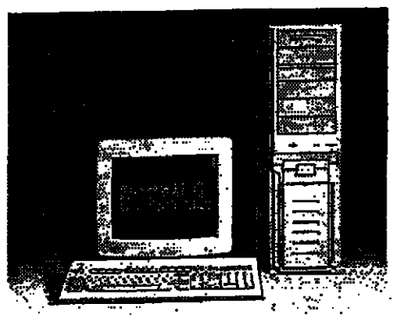
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Judge rejects French claim

Elderflower firm wins champagne dispute

BY ROBIN YOUNG

FRENCH champagne producers yesterday failed in the High Court to stop a small English vineyard selling a sparkling soft drink as elderflower champagne.

A judge ruled that though the labels on Thorncroft Vineyard's drink were a "misrepresentation calculated to deceive", the risk of damage to the reputation of real champagne was minimal.

Thorncroft's jubilant chief directors, Dr Guy Woodall and Ray Bevan, celebrated by popping corks outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London and showering reporters and cameramen with elderflower champagne. "The spirit of Agincourt lives on," Dr Woodall declared.

The French producers said that Sir Mervyn Davies' judgment was "the thin end of a wedge" which could be driven through the legal protection of the name "champagne". They would appeal.

The champagne houses, led by Taittinger, had complained that Thorncroft was trying to cash in on their goodwill and reputation, and accused the vineyard, based at Leatherhead in Surrey, of "passing off" its product as having a connection with champagne.

Under a temporary injunction granted last April, Thorncroft has been selling about 100,000 bottles a year at £2.45 with the description "Sparkling Elderflower".

Thorncroft was awarded costs yesterday estimated at about £100,000. The company will also be entitled to damages for expenses, such as relabelling costs, caused by the temporary injunction.

In his judgment, Sir Mervyn said the champagne houses, anxious that their name should not be demeaned, had launched many legal actions worldwide over the years, including 64 in England since 1960.

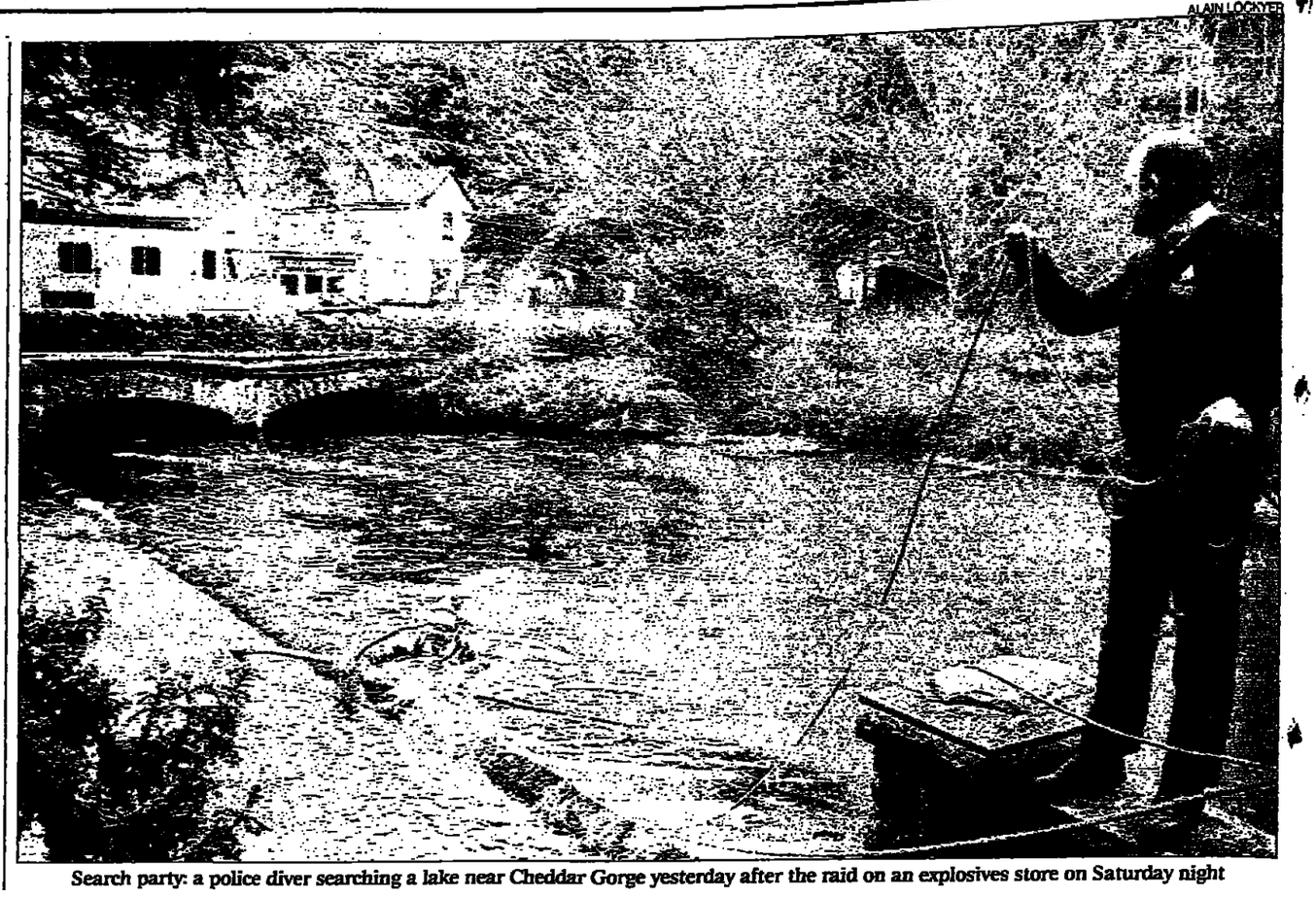
Their exclusive right to the name was confirmed in this country in the early 1960s when Spanish sparkling wine producers were banned from using the word and in 1975 when the same fate befell "champagne" cider and perry.

The judge said the average member of the public could tell by the price that elderflower champagne was not traditional champagne. There would, though, be those who would be confused.

He held that the presentation of elderflower champagne was "calculated to deceive" but said he was satisfied Thorncroft had not deliberately intended to "ride on the back" of the champagne houses' goodwill. He also thought very few people would thin it was real champagne.

Champagne houses in France reacted with incredulity at the ruling. Yves Benard, president of Moet & Chandon, said: "Undoubtedly the French champagne industry will appeal ... Of course we will win. We always do."

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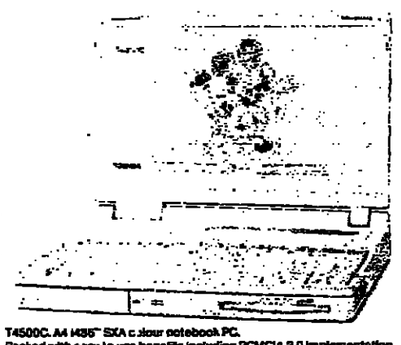
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Fog hinders hunt for quarry escaper

BY LIN JENKINS AND STEWART TENDLER

THE fog lifted yesterday on the hunt for the third man who escaped after police arrested two suspected terrorists at a stone quarry in Somerset on Saturday night.

Police admitted that the third man had probably escaped under cover of the thick fog that cloaked the Mendip Hills over the weekend. Visibility was so poor that officers could not detect each other at four yards.

Two arrested men were still being held at Paddington Green police station, west London, last night. The two men, both Irish and in their 20s, could face charges over the attempted break-in at an explosives store in the quarry at Westbury-sub-Mendip near Wells. The missing man is aged 21 and thought to be Irish.

Detectives suspect that the break-in was planned by the Irish National Liberation Army to seize stocks of explosive for use either on the mainland or for smuggling to Ulster. Avon and Somerset police mounted a surveillance operation in Bristol for nearly a week before springing a trap when the three arrived at the quarry.

The man who escaped was the driver for the group. He fled through the fog to the getaway car and abandoned it near by. A car was stolen from a village and left at Cheddar Gorge. Chief Insp Colin Benson said: "We cannot even be 100 per cent sure that the vehicle stolen and then found was used by the man we are looking for. It is also very easy to leave the area."

The area around Cheddar Gorge has many empty holiday cottages where a fugitive could lie low. Police have asked people to contact them if they see anything suspicious in the empty buildings.

After the activity of Sunday morning, when residents were turned away by armed police and a helicopter hovered above the fog, the villages returned to their winter calm. "It is not the sort of place where you expect to see police rushing around for real," Sarah Martin, 34, said. "If we see this many, we assume they are actors and that the village is about to be on television again."

Police pay team looks to Australia

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AUSTRALIAN reforms may provide the basis for changes to British police pay and conditions, including promotion by merit instead of examinations, fixed contracts for all officers, a single rank structure for civilians and police, a fast track for talented staff and pay by performance.

Eric Caines, a member of the Home Office enquiry into police pay and conditions, led by Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT Industries, is understood to be flying to Australia to examine reforms introduced in the federal police and other forces five years ago. The enquiry has heard evidence on police reforms in Europe and elsewhere, but Australia is the only country that the team will check first hand.

The Australian federal police has 2,400 officers and 690 staff. It has a headquarters in Canberra and five regional commands in a force that is 80 per cent plain-clothes staff. It is the main investigative and intelligence unit, rather like the FBI.

The number of ranks was reduced from 11 to seven: constables, sergeants, inspectors, superintendents, commanders, assistant commissioners, deputy commissioner and commissioner. Length of service was ended as the basis of promotion or pay. About 10 per cent of the force was made redundant.

All new staff have ten-year contracts, with renewal depending on performance. Existing staff were given five-year contracts. Pay is based on salary bands and movement upwards is linked to an annual appraisal. There are seven pay levels for constables and five for sergeants. The changes are not said to have reduced recruiting and many officers plan to renew their contracts.



Vasiljevic is not trusted by Kasparov

Chess bid still open to Britain

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER could still be in the running to host Nigel Short's battle for the world chess championship because neither of the formal bids secured agreement yesterday.

The city pulled out of the bidding because of the potential multi-million-dollar bids from rival locations. But when the bids were opened yesterday, the prize money proposed of a million Swiss francs (£445,000) by Santiago de Compostela, Spain, was described as laughably inadequate.

The other bid, by Jezdimir Vasiljevic of the Belgrade-based Yugoskandic corporation, is for a record $5.6 million (£3.9 million). But Gary Kasparov, the world champion, has said he would not play in a championship funded by the Serb multi-millionaire unless Vasiljevic had personally clarified to him the source of his funding.

Manchester could rescue the World Chess Federation from the impasse. "The city is still keen to stage the match," said Tony Ingham, head of the bid consortium.

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Research has halved child cancer deaths. But that doesn't make Philip feel any better.

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In his first interview with The Times since becoming leader, John Smith denies he is

MICHAEL POWELL



A study in politics: John Smith, the Labour leader, in his office at Westminster yesterday, searching for policies that will deliver the votes at the next general election

Labour leader marches to his own drumbeat

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith is relaxed in the face of criticism of his style of leadership and is content to see open discussion on policy. For him all that matters is planning for an election victory.

"I am very anxious that we march to the beat of our own drum — not to the demands of anybody else. I don't mind being criticised from time to time if people think if I am not answering this or that demand. I am prepared to take criticism sometimes for not jumping about and producing whizz-bang policies on a daily basis. It is far more important that we consider policies carefully — that we consult about them and we get the right policies. When I announce the policy, I want to say: 'That is what Labour stands for: it *actually will happen and make* a difference to your lives'. I have got to get through to people that it is not pie in the sky, it is for real, for their children, their schools, their *transport*, their life opportunities. We have make a very powerful appeal."

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Mr Smith has passionately held views on changing society, but will not be rushed into pledges on detailed policies. He is committed to broadening educational and employment opportunities and giving part-time workers the same rights as full-timers. However, he is deliberately equivocal on other questions which divide Labour MPs, such as the future of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) and how to reduce public sector borrowing.

Echoing Margaret Thatcher in the late 1970s, he is "very concerned that we win the battle of ideas, because I *think that if you win the battle* of ideas you win the battle of votes."

He hedged on how Labour would vote on the third reading of the bill ratifying the Maastricht treaty. This, he said, would depend on votes on forthcoming amendments, particularly that to reverse Britain's opt out from the social chapter. He rejected Tory suggestions that approval of the social chapter amendment would wreck the bill. Instead, he said, "there would speedily be an acceptance by other European governments that that could be accommodated. They have all signed up for the social chapter. Britain is the only one that has not."

There was no possibility that Labour leaders would drop their opposition to a referendum on the bill. "We have taken a clear decision on that at the party conference. We do not think the referendum is *suitable in these circumstances*. Maybe some Labour MPs will vote for it with some Tory MPs."

The Labour leader was vague about the conditions for sterling's re-entry to the ERM. "The fundamental problem for Britain is the weakness of our economy. We have to take steps to put that right before we can contemplate undertaking obligations like that involved in the ERM." While agreeing with the principle of managed exchange rates, "any question of re-entering the ERM is quite some way ahead because of the weakness of the economy".

What mattered was not convergence of financial indicators, but changes in the real economy. "I want to see more investment, much more technological development, radically better education and training. I want to see the productivity and competitiveness of the British economy substantially improved. I have thought all along that there would *not* be a successful monetary union unless the economies were roughly the same."

Mr Smith was equally cautious on the related question of the appropriate level of public sector borrowing, which should decline as part of the convergence conditions for monetary union. He emphasised the difficulty of calculating how much of the rise in borrowing was cyclical, to do with the rise in unemployment, and how much was structural.

He emphasised the importance of the real economy. "It is not a matter of financial sleight of hand, it is a case of getting the economy right — more investment, training, improving production — all the real things in the economy, that's the way you tackle it. If you create wealth and get steady non-inflationary growth, then over a period of time you are bound to have a healthier economic situation."

Mr Smith redefined the party's traditional view of redistribution. He wanted to see "hard work rewarded and initiative created" within the context of "a strong and supportive society". Redistribution did not just mean a fairer tax system, it also meant that "the right education and training are maybe far more important in giving people life chances than whether they pay more or less taxation".

He referred to an unmarried mother with two or three children in a tower block in his constituency. "There should still be child benefit, of course. But, in addition, there ought to be a training programme, with a child-care package, so that after a bit of training they are into the employment market. They then become taxpayers and not recipients of benefit ... I feel passionately about children being denied opportunity. I think it is awful if by some accident of birth ... your life chances are minimal compared to others. That is what socialism is, to me, about. *Putting those injustices* right and using the power of the community to put them right. That is what I consider to be redistribution.

He denied that any decisions had been taken on the balance between direct and indirect taxation, saying these

> 'If we can never afford decent standards because we have to stay at the minimum level, we will not succeed by reason of being a low-wage economy'

would await next year's report from the social justice commission.

Mr Smith repeated his view that there was "a strong case for maintaining universality, everyone having access to child benefit and retirement *pensions to which they have* contributed during their working lives. The commission is perfectly free to propose all sorts of subtractions and additions and alternatives."

Full employment needed to be considered in a new way, beyond the traditional definition of men working five days a week. "In principle, part-time people should have all the rights of full-time people."

He dismissed the argument that, like the minimum wage, this would raise business costs and unemployment. "If we can never afford decent standards in this country because we have to stay at the minimum level, Britain will not succeed by reason of being a low-wage economy. It's got to succeed by being a highly skilled economy. That is part of the social chapter ... I am all for the wealth-creating, highly competitive, highly skilled economy. I want part of the reward to be good wages, good conditions, security of employment."

Mr Smith was dismissive of *recent Tory suggestions about* workfare, indirectly raised by John Major in his Carlton Club speech last Wednesday. "It was a weird speech and puzzling. I do not agree with *the notion that to qualify for* benefits someone has got to go and weed the motorways. I think there have to be many more opportunities for people now unemployed to be given work. I strongly support community programmes, which is totally different from saying that you will only get beenfit if you perform certain scheduled work functions. I do not think they need much incentive to work. They need the opportunity. If you give them the opportunity they will take it." He described Mr Major's handling of the affair as a shambles.

Mr Smith brushed aside Tony Benn's criticism that he was turning his back on socialism in his Bournemouth speech on Sunday. "I have been concerned to highlight the obsession with ownership. The Conservatives have the problem here. They have taken privatisation well beyond either the approval or the comprehension of the public. The British public do not want British Rail, the Post Office or Scottish water to be privatised." Instead, he emphasised the need for active government. "Because the intervention of government comes in new and different ways and not in the traditional forms with which Tony Benn is more familiar does not mean it is not powerful and active and necessary."

"I very strongly believe in public/private sector partnership. I can see so many examples of the public sector putting seedcorn investment into our inner city developments which pulls in private sector money. It is more important that the money has a catalytic effect. I do not mind if the public money is pulled out in the end and is used somewhere else."

He said that his Bournemouth speech was intended "to set out a new view of politics. The forms of government are antique and antiquated and not suitable for a modern society. I have a very strong theory of citizenship, that people should be empowered to participate meaningfully in modern society." He referred, in particular, to the need for "information to make *sensible decisions. We need* much more information about general policy-making, more consultation, more discussion. I dislike things like pre-Budget purdah, the idea that the Budget is supposed to be a surprise and not the product of genuine dialogue. A bill of rights is a very important part of that. So there is a new constitution coming up there. Behind it all is this notion that knowledge is power. It is very important to the radical theory of citizenship that access to knowledge is the foundation of liberty."

"This is a consciously populist agenda. It is for the people and people are entitled to be much more involved in the government ... Government is for the people. It is not for the mandarins or for the politicians." This did not mean that people "have to be consumed with politics for 24 hours a day, or be hyperactive. Those people can be very tiresome to everyone, but it is important that *they have known rights* and that there is a body of information which is available."

There was nothing wrong with the government's citizens' charters, he said, though he claimed the idea had been borrowed from Labour councils. But, in his view, "the government is one-eyed about it. It is only the public sector they are interested in ... There is more to people than just simply being consumers of services. They have got to be active, participative citizens in a real democracy."

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Peers face radical shake-up

HEREDITARY peers would quickly disappear from the House of Lords under a Labour government as part of a staged reform of the upper house. John Smith underlined his approach to constitutional change during the interview. "The hereditary element of the House of Lords has really got to go. I've never begun to understand how it was remotely possible to defend it."

The future of the Lords is being examined in the party's constitution committee, which will report later this year. "I would certainly like to see the hereditary element go, and that might go first," Mr *Smith said*. The composition of the Lords would change "in stages. You would have a House of Lords of life peers. That's

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an idea that has been mooted." Reform of the Lords will be only one aspect of far-reaching proposals including a bill of rights and freedom of information act.

Mr Smith was cautious about any discussion of the monarchy, whose future *has been raised by shadow* cabinet members. He denied the debate was a distraction for him. "I am not in favour of setting up a republican Britain."

The royal prerogative — powers exercised by the prime minister in agreeing treaties and making appointments to public bodies — was "more to do with the constitution than the monarchy". But if you had a head of state, you *must* have constitutional functions as head of state, but these were not germane to the future of the monarchy.

Changes anger left wing

BY JILL SHERMAN
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TRADITIONALIST Labour MPs yesterday gave John Smith a warning that he would never win an election on right-wing policies, while modernisers hailed his speech on Sunday as a landmark for the next millennium.

Mr Smith's vision of a party of the individual citizen, free of traditional links with state ownership and union power, angered left wingers who said that reformers had done nothing to make the party more popular. Trade unionists also gave the speech a mixed reception, but it was welcomed by constituency workers.

Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, said the party was now bankrupt and had its lowest-ever membership. "It is high time we had a socialist manifesto," Mr Skinner said. "The right wing have produced four manifestos and lost all four elections."

Mr Skinner said that Labour could not vote against privatisation and then decide not to renationalise industries when it got back into power. Tony Benn, MP for Chester-

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field, said: "What is worrying about it is that it looks as if Labour is being asked to dismantle itself and be prepared to enter a coalition government."

However, Jack Straw, Labour MP for Blackburn, described Mr Smith's address as a landmark. "It raised the issues the party has to address for the next millennium." Mr Straw, a leading reformer who has called for the abolition of Clause 4, indicated that Mr Smith had made a step in the right direction.

The Labour leader's words also went down well in the constituencies with party workers. David Robertson, Yorkshire regional organiser, said it was a "far-sighted speech". "Renationalisation is no longer relevant," he said.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the General Municipal and Boilermakers union, said on BBC radio that his union would support a debate about the changes. But Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, was less enthusiastic. His union was committed to current Labour party policy, he said.

'I am not going to be rushed into decisions'

JOHN Smith defended his style of leadership against accusations that he has been too reticent in the months since Labour's fourth successive election defeat. He said the leader of a political party *must be the one to decide the* pace of change in politics.

"I have a certain style of leadership: I am not prepared to be rushed or hurried. But when I think we have reached the time for decisive action we *will take it and stick to it.*"

Mr Smith was aware of the persistent suggestion that Labour should have skipped a generation last July and gone for a younger leader. He said: "It is for others to judge

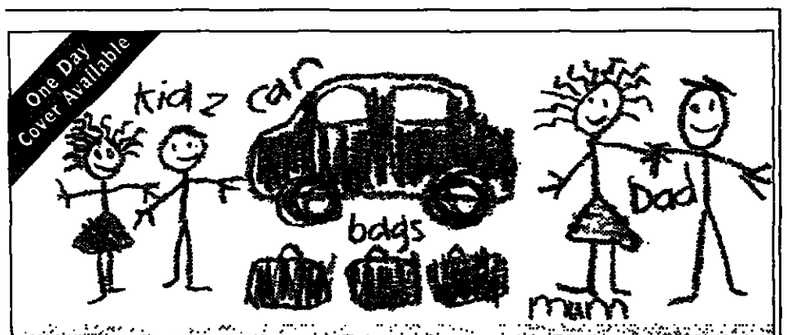
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whether I am a good or bad leader of the Labour party. I am enjoying being leader. I have found it fascinating. I am *enjoying it more than I* thought I would. Surprisingly it is the party organisation side — the national executive committee — that I have found very interesting.

Mr Smith added: "The *leader must be the person who* decides the pace of politics. We have got real prospects ahead. I enjoy contact with the ordinary party. Having been elected by a big majority I enjoy the rapport with the party supporters." He defended *his attacks* on the conduct of government. "I think it is my duty as leader of the Opposition to push the government hard on this. I am worried by a long period of one-party rule.

"*While I am a strong* defender of impartiality and non-corruptibility of civil servants, I am worried about only one political message coming across. I think our parliament is weak in relation to the *executive and the constitutional* rights of our citizens. I take this very seriously. Feathers are going to be ruffled in officialdom. So what? My job is to speak for people." Mr Smith suggested that being *Scottish gave him a different* perspective. "I have not enfolded into the English establishment. It may be my background in Scottish law, Scottish education and Scottish society. I am a happy participant in British society. In Scotland we are so much more meritocratic in our educational background."

Asked about his relations with the prime minister, he said: "It's a civilised relationship. It's bound to be antagonistic [in the Commons]. We represent different political interests, but there is a sense in which there has to be civilised communication to maintain government."



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turning away from socialism

Union vote in party election should end

FUTURE Labour leaders should be elected by the party's MPs and members and not by the trade unions, John Smith said in his interview with *The Times*.

As Labour's review group on links between the party and the unions completed its final report, Mr Smith pre-empted one of the three key areas under consideration by stating his preference for an election system in which MPs and party members would each have 50 per cent of the vote.

The review group is expected soon to publish a report setting out various options. Mr Smith was elected under the existing system in which the unions have 40 per cent of the vote and the membership and MPs 30 per cent each.

Mr Smith declined to state his preference for other changes relating to the selection of parliamentary candidates and the reform of voting at the party conference. He was adamant, however, that the block vote would go.

The Labour leader also disclosed that he intends in October to bring to a close the internal party debate on proportional representation. The internal committee chaired by Sir Raymond Plant is due to report in April and is expected to come down in favour of a form of PR for Westminster elections, almost certainly the additional member system.

Mr Smith is believed by his shadow cabinet colleagues to be moving against PR, but in advance of the report's publication he declined in the interview to state his position.

His most surprising remark was that he intends to bring the two-year debate to a close so speedily. "I am not going to say anything about PR because it is bound to pre-empt debate. I want Plant to get a good run. I want them to be able to finish their work and publish their proposals. Then the party has to have a debate. The important thing is to have a decent and honourable debate. There are perfectly good points of view on both sides; I want it to be expressed. Every constituency ought to have an active debate. Then we have the debate, take the decision at the conference and that is that.

He was asked: "So you take the final decision this October?" Mr Smith: "Yes, absolutely. It has been two years. We must decide it now."

While careful not to come down on either side of the argument, Mr Smith's apparent scepticism about change came through.

He was doubtful whether closing the door on PR would at the same time close the door on potential new supporters coming to Labour. "The right approach to this matter is to decide on its merits what is the right form of government and what is the right electoral system."

Would not Labour be closing itself in by refusing PR? "I do not think I comprehend



that. It is much more about Labour's policies generally and our general approach."

Asked whether he believed the pro-PR lobby was moved by a sense of defeatism about Labour's ability to win on its own, Mr Smith did not demur: "The one fundamental truth is that the next election will be fought on the existing system. It will be first past the post in 1996, that is the reality. Some people forget that in their enthusiasm for the argument. But it is a fundamental truth."

Despite effectively writing off clause 4 — the state control arm of Labour's constitution — in his speech at Bournemouth on Sunday, Mr Smith made it plain that he did not intend to follow up by scrapping it.

He said the key point about the future was how practical Labour's policies were. With a smile he suggested there were some parts of clause 4 that he found quite admirable. "I don't think you can argue about workers by hand and brain having the fruits of their labour [one of the tenets of clause 4]."

He was not in favour of "having a theoretical argument about clause 4". He added: "I am anxious to get on with practical policies that mean something. That is what people will judge the Labour party on. I have not heard people on the doorstep protesting about clause 4. I don't think it will profit us as a party. It might help our opponents if we were diverted into a theological argument. We have too much important work to do in terms of practical politics. The problem about ownership is not for Labour. The problem is for the Conservatives; they are the manic privatisers."

Mr Smith made it plain that the expected constitutional changes on selection of parliamentary candidates and conference voting would involve the "individualising" of the union vote. The review group will propose, among its options, that selection should be made purely by party members and that the union role would end altogether. However, several union leaders are pressing for union members who pay a levy to Labour having a vote by joining a register of Labour supporters.

Mr Smith made it plain that his mind was open although "my guiding principle is one member one vote. If the trade unions were involved in some way it would have to be in a way that accommodated that."

All the changes would be made in October, and Labour's next round of reselections would take place under the new system, he said.

He said he had an open mind on the proposal, disclosed in *The Times* last week, that MPs should have a vote at the annual conference, though there were "some complications" because it would involve the PLP taking a stand.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Luncheon meet: Malcolm Rifkind, defence secretary, left, and David Williams, president of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, at the The Newspaper Conference annual luncheon in London yesterday

Howard backs green tax not red tape

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW green taxes will play a leading role in the government's efforts to curb pollution, Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said yesterday. He made clear that he favoured financial sticks and carrots over further rules and regulations in the campaign to protect the environment.

Mr Howard told the Institute of Directors in London: "Recently we have begun to emphasise a new element: the use of economic instruments to complement our existing regulatory approach. The range of possible instruments is very wide and we are examining many of these to determine which we can most effectively use as an alternative to regulation."

Mr Howard said that he would shortly set out more details of the government's thinking in this controversial area. He would also visit California to study how well its programme of fiscal rewards and penalties was working.

Environment department officials cited the tax break for unleaded petrol, water metering, charges for dumping waste in landfill sites and road-pricing as the kind of measures the government was considering.

Mr Howard underlined his reluctance to impose new regulatory burdens on industry in response to the growing environmental lobby. He agreed with the institute that voluntary measures should take precedence over green taxes. More red tape should be a last resort.

"Governments face a constant and seductive temptation to overregulate, to impose cumbersome and expensive regulatory systems which hinder the efforts of business, especially small businesses, to get on with their job of wealth creation. This is a temptation which we must steadfastly resist."

Referring to John Major's Downing Street seminar on cutting red tape, Mr Howard said that he had drawn up a "Domesday Book" listing all the environment department regulations. It ran to 55 pages, one third of which were devoted to green matters. Every one of them would be put to the test and he wanted to keep the burden of complying with environmental regulations to a minimum.

He said that the business community was not always his "best ally" in this deregulatory endeavour. Some were too ready to side with pressure groups such as Friends of the Earth and assume that ministerial efforts to cut red tape were a smokescreen for lowering environmental standards.

Mr Howard sought to encourage firms to adopt an environmentally friendly approach by highlighting the savings and opportunities that could result. One company threatened with closure because of a serious pollution incident had saved hundreds of thousands of pounds after investing in new processes.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Agreement on coal not yet reached

Michael Heseltine confirmed yesterday he has not reached agreement with other ministers on his rescue package for the coal industry (Sheila Gunn writes).

The President of the Board of Trade told MPs that ministers are still wading through the recommendations of the Commons industry committee. He also indicated to the Commons environment committee that he is seeking a multi-million subsidy, understood to be around £500 million a year, to reprieve a substantial number of the 31 pits.

Radar rejected

The transport secretary resisted pressure to have radar surveillance round the coast to prevent a repeat of the *Braer* disaster. He said it would be expensive and could complicate international law.

CPS changes

The 31 areas of the Crown Prosecution Service are to be amalgamated into 13 areas from April 1, the Attorney-general said at question time.

£1.4m review

The estimated cost to the trade and industry department of consultants commissioned to carry out the coal review is £1.4 million, Tim Eggar, the energy minister, said in a written reply.

NHS trusts

About 95 per cent of hospital and community health services will be provided by NHS trusts after April 1 next year, according to health department figures.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Defence; prime minister. Housing and urban Development Bill, report.
Lords (2.30): Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill, committee.



RAF questions wisdom of disbanding helicopter service that saves injured climbers

Campaigners step up fight to reprieve mountain rescue team

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

■ The U-turn that saved two Scottish regiments has raised the hopes of campaigners for a helicopter rescue unit

THE increasing numbers of climbers trapped and injured on Scottish mountains may lead to an eleventh-hour reprieve for the helicopter rescue team at RAF Leuchars in Fife, due for closure next month.

Last weekend alone, Scotland's search and rescue helicopter teams launched six missions to rescue climbers. Although the defence ministry says the decision to withdraw the rescue team is final, the wisdom of the move is being questioned at the highest levels in the RAF. Supporters of the campaign to save Leuchars point to the government's U-turn over merging two Scottish regiments.

There are also hopes that funding from an alternative source might be found. There are suggestions that the Scottish Office, with several local authorities, might meet part of the £3 million annual cost. The RAF already protects shipping on an agency basis for the transport department and a similar scheme might work for Leuchars.

The team has carried out 24 rescue missions so far this year — on one day alone rescuing 42 people and three dogs after the Tay burst its banks. From April 1, teams from Boulmer in Northumberland, Lossiemouth and Prestwick will cover the area now served by Leuchars. There are growing fears, however, that the rescue team at RAF Lossiemouth in Grampian could find itself stretched. It was the busiest in the country last year with 241 call-outs. Leuchars answered 131 calls.

The closure has been caused by cost-cutting and RAF plans to withdraw Wessex helicopters from rescue work and replace them with Sea Kings. Leuchars uses two Wessex helicopters. The Sea King can carry more people over a greater distance for a longer time and at night are more efficient than the Wessex. For this reason, the base has not carried out night missions since 1989.

Hamish MacInnes, leader of the Glencoe mountain rescue team, says the withdrawal of the Leuchars team is disastrous and has no doubt lives will be lost as a consequence. He says that, in bad weather, accidents happen in spates, which could lead to an overstretched service. In one recent weekend, there were ten call-outs in the Glencoe region alone, seven of which were serviced from Leuchars.

It is not just on the mountains that lives are in danger. During last month's flooding on Tayside, a team from Leuchars rescued an elderly man and his grandson from a stranded van which minutes later was washed away.

Craig Lindsay, spokesman for the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Pitreavie near Dumferline, says that there has been a good degree of scaremongering about the closure of Leuchars. "I'm not saying that life will not be lost. It is simply impossible to tell that sort of thing in advance. At present, Leuchars does not operate at night and there is no problem with the night cover. Very rarely are all the helicopters covering Scotland out at once. The last time it happened was with the Lockerbie disaster."

□ Ben Nevis is to undergo footpath repairs because of the erosion caused by the thousands who scale the 4,408ft peak every year. Work costing £22,500 has just started on the lower section of the path and repairs will take 15 weeks to complete.

Some 60,000 hill walkers use the footpath every year and Scottish Natural Heritage, which is helping to fund the repairs, expects the mountain's popularity to go on increasing. The work will be carried out by five skilled path makers from Glencoe and Kinlochleven using stone from the area to ensure that the path continues to look natural. The team will have to pitch large rocks into the gaps, construct new drains and landscape ground around the path, which has become scarred. The path will not be closed while repairs take place and walkers will have to pick their way around the work.

Chris Eatough, of Scottish Natural Heritage, said: "The section of path under repair is in a dangerous and unpleasant condition. It covers about 200 metres of very rocky ground which has been completely eroded away." The heritage body has also helped to fund footpath repairs in the Cuillins on the Island of Skye, at Glencoe and at Torridon in Wester Ross.



Mountain pique: Hamish MacInnes, shown joining a rescue, says the closure of Leuchars is disastrous

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dolphins move to new home

Four dolphins at Windsor Safari Park, which is in receivership, have been found a new home at Holland's Harderwijk Marine Park.

Windsor's other dolphins will follow when old enough to travel and staff will accompany them to help them settle in.

Chris Barlow, of receiver Coopers & Lybrand, said: "As far as the remaining animals are concerned, we are in discussion with a number of potential locations and are confident we will find good homes for them."

Murder charge

Michael Simon, 34, was remanded by Margate magistrates yesterday accused of murdering Josephine Bridges, 79, who died in a coma last Friday five days after being attacked in a park in Broadstairs, Kent.

Youth abducted

A youth aged 15 was abducted by two men in Wood Green, north London, on Sunday afternoon and made to take part in sex acts in the back of a van. He was dumped in South Harrow, northwest London, seven hours later.

Fire death

Celia Knock, 39, died in a fire at her home in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, early yesterday. Her sons, aged 17 and 19, escaped. An electrical fault has been blamed.

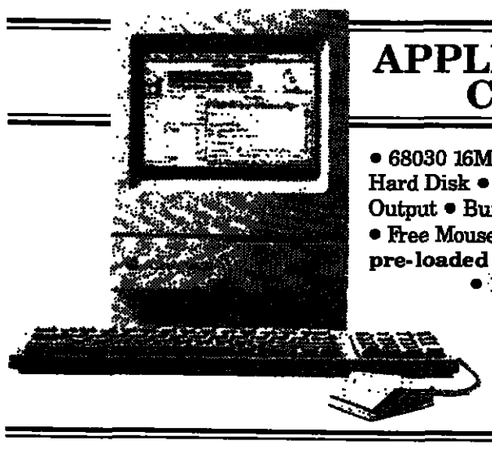
Cinema raid

Three robbers tied up a cinema manageress in Gravesend, Kent, and stole the £6,700 takings during a late night showing of *Dracula*.

Charity fare

British Rail will give up to £5,000 to Comic Relief by donating 5p for every £1.89 "Red Nose" InterCity cheese and tomato sandwich sold.

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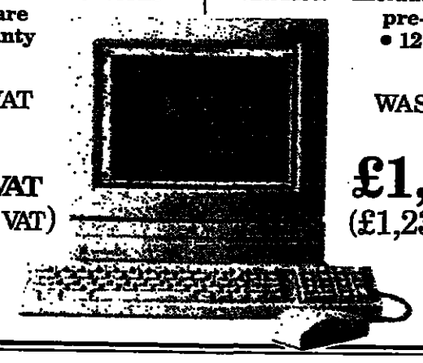
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Schoolboy wins award for cot death alarm

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A LOW-COST breathing monitor designed to safeguard babies at risk of cot death has won an 18-year-old schoolboy the Toshiba Year of Invention prize, worth £15,000.

Colin Paton, a sixth former at Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh, yesterday emerged as the overall winner from more than 4,000 entrants in the contest run by the Confederation of British Industry. His monitor consists of a sensor attached to a cloth belt worn around the baby, designed to pick up the small movements of the baby's stomach as it breathes. These movements are converted into electronic pulses.

If a pulse is not detected for 15 seconds, a light flashes and an alarm sounds. That is expected to be sufficient in itself to jolt the baby into breathing normally. If not, the alarm will warn parents in time to take action.

Colin invented the device after watching his sister Katherine, now two, being monitored in hospital after she was born. Hospital monitors cost £300 to £400. "My monitor, at about £60, would be affordable and offer peace of mind to many parents," he said.

An Edinburgh firm is building prototype monitors, but has been held up because the device infringes one patent held by the British Technology Group. Negotiations are under way over a suitable payment.



Life guard: Colin Paton with his baby monitor

Think-tank says BBC should be privatised

BY PETER FIDDICK

THE BBC should be floated as a public company with millions of small shareholders, and the licence fee replaced by advertising revenue over a 10-year period, the Adam Smith Institute, a right-wing think-tank, says.

Funding of public service programming should become the remit of an "arts council of the air", possibly an offshoot of the existing Arts Council. It would commission producers by competitive tender and the BBC would have to compete in the process.

The authors of a study, Will Bracken and Scott Fowler, researchers at the institute, argue that the BBC is no longer a public service corporation. "It relinquished that role when it made the fateful decision to pursue mass audiences and to engage in a ratings tussle with independent television."

The report says that what the BBC has achieved should be preserved, as breaking it up "would be seen as an act of folly". But it argues that BBC1 and Radio 1 and 2 behave in every way like commercial stations and could only argue for public subsidy if they enabled the BBC also to put out public service broadcasts. "But they do not."

The report dismisses the argument that a BBC funded by advertising would have a financial impact on existing commercial broadcasters and the press. It points out that all advertising has increased since the launch of Channel 4. A profit-making BBC, it says, would be more independent of government.

But as part of such a regime, the authors propose a citizen's charter setting out the corporation's obligations, and a new industry-wide regulator, Ofcast, to ensure proper competition and compliance.

□ *What Price Public Service?* (Adam Smith Institute, 23 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BL; £15)

The way it isn't
CRAIG BROWN



WHO knows what drove Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud to their triumph in the Antarctic? Yet their achievement is, I would argue, identifiably British in impulse.

When it is freezing cold, public houses the length and breadth of the land are filled with burly men arriving, rubbing their hands together, stamping their feet and going "Brrrrr!" For some reason, British men — and here I count myself an honorary British woman — love seeing how chilly they can become.

They also prefer issuing noises rather than actual words. The freezing cold caters to both pursuits.

Sir Ranulph and Dr Michael have taken our national predilection almost to its limit with their 1,275-mile walk across the Antarctic. Think of all the triumphant Brrrr-ing they will be getting up to this week!

An awful lot of British men — and here I revert to manhood once more — are also preternaturally fond of relieving themselves out of doors, preferably in adverse conditions. Presumably it is a territorial instinct, but it allows them to go "Brrrrr!" and "Phwaw" at one and the same time.

Perhaps it was this that kept Sir Ranulph and Dr Michael in high spirits throughout their long ordeal. Their next record-breaking trip should, I think, involve an attempt to push-start a family saloon car the full 1,275 miles.

The average Briton only comes into his own when granted the opportunity to push-start a large car in a snowstorm, all the while yelling and grunting incomprehensible noises about clutches and gears to the hapless victim in the driver's seat.

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Mitterrand visit aims to revive French influence in Vietnam

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

The French president's visit to Hanoi, the first by a Western leader since 1975, will put pressure on America to lift its embargo

FOUR decades since the defeat of French forces at Dien Bien Phu, President Mitterrand embarks today on a trip to Vietnam which is aimed at re-establishing French influence in Indochina and helping end Hanoi's exclusion from the international economic system.

His visit is the first by a Western leader since the country was united under the Communists in 1975. The journey, which includes two days in Cambodia, is an attempt to reassert French influence in Indochina 39 years since its bloody defeat on the battlefield of Dien Bien Phu. For the Hanoi government, M Mitterrand's arrival marks an end to isolation and a chance to exert pressure on the Clinton administration to drop Washington's damaging economic embargo.

M Mitterrand said yesterday he aims "to close a painful chapter in our relations with Vietnam and . . help unblock the peace process in Cambodia". His spokesman said the trip marked "the return of France to the Indochinese stage . . . a visit of rediscovery".

M Mitterrand will meet President Le Duc Anh, Vo Van Kiet, the prime minister, and Do Muoi, the Communist party general secretary, in Hanoi before flying tomorrow to the valley near the border of Laos where 16,000 French troops held out for eight weeks in 1954 against the Vietminh forces of General Vo Nguyen Giap. More than 3,000 French troops were killed in the barrage from the surrounding hills and vicious hand-to-hand fighting.

M Mitterrand aims to "restart and open up the economy" of Vietnam, according to his spokesman. Apart from bringing in further French aid and business deals, including two big contracts with Air France and the Alcatel communications firm, the French president will be sending a strong signal to America that the time has come to end its embargo. The embargo has deprived Vietnam of access to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Japan's decision last November to resume lending to Vietnam adds to the pressure. However, with emotions still running high in the United States over the Vietnam war and the issue of missing servicemen, Mr Clinton is unlikely to move quickly to resume links.

France is trying to secure new influence in a country which sees itself as the potential "baby tiger" of the Asian markets. This marks a shift away from the primacy of Peking in French thinking. Relations with China have been badly strained in recent months by the decision to sell Mirage-2000 combat aircraft to Taiwan. Since restoring diplomatic ties in 1989, France has become Vietnam's third trading partner after Taiwan and Hong Kong.

In Cambodia on Thursday, M Mitterrand will meet Prince Norodom Sihanouk whom he believes is best qualified to become president and run a coalition government. The prince has just rejected a French attempt to hold presidential elections before the UN-supervised legislative elections scheduled for May under the Paris peace accord of 1991. The accord is endangered by continued fighting between Khmer Rouge guerrillas and soldiers of the government, which was installed by Vietnam.

As the former colonial power, France, which has 2,800 troops with the United Nations contingent in Cambodia, believes it is especially qualified to help resolve the conflicts there.

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Woman who ran Camorra arrested

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

POLICE yesterday arrested Rosetta Cutolo, head of a once powerful faction of the Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Mafia, after 13 years on the run.

Signora Cutolo, 57, who took over her brother Raffaele's wing of the Camorra, after his arrest, was captured in her home town of Ottaviano, near Naples.

"Rosetta Cutolo didn't say a word, she just burst into tears and then meekly got into the car," said Umberto Vecchione, the Naples police chief.

She achieved a position of unusual power within the male-dominated world of organised crime, first as her brother's principal adviser and then as the leader of the faction. During the early 1980s the group dominated the Naples underworld, controlling the drug trade, extortion rackets and the illegal football pools. But a series of arrests and a bloody war with a rival Camorra faction, which left hundreds dead, wiped out the organisation as a significant force.

Signora Cutolo faces trial for murder and Mafia association, and is believed to have commissioned several assassinations on her brother's behalf after visiting him in prison.



Naples godmother: Rosetta Cutolo, leader of a wing of the Neapolitan Camorra and until yesterday one of the most wanted women in Italy, evaded arrest for 13 years

Italian fugitive surrenders to police

BY PHILIP WILLAN

JUST four days before the Socialist party is due to elect a successor to Bettino Craxi, the beleaguered party secretary, one of the key figures in the Milan corruption scandal that has gravely undermined the party gave himself up to police.

Silvano Larini, 57, an architect and long-standing friend of Signor Craxi, gave himself up at the French border post of Ventimiglia on Sunday after eight months on the run. He is accused of taking about £10 million in illegal kickbacks on behalf of the Socialist party and he has been charged with taking the money "in collusion with" Signor Craxi.

The party secretary is expected to present his resignation at a meeting of the leadership today and a national conference meets on Thursday to elect his successor. The favourite is Giorgio Benvenuto, a trade unionist who has the backing of Signor Craxi, but he is challenged by Claudio Martelli, a justice minister who is head of the party's reformist wing.

Signor Larini is suspected of being the owner of a secret Swiss bank account believed to have been used to conceal kickbacks to the party. A £4.8 million commission from Roberto Calvi, the chairman of the Banco Ambrosiano, is alleged to have been deposited in the "protection" account at the Union de Banques Suisses in Lugano.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Paris-Bonn leaders in Nobel list

Oslo: President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, have been jointly nominated for the 1993 Nobel peace prize by three Norwegian parliamentarians for working towards a united Europe.

"Kohl and Mitterrand have both worked for a united Europe," said Tor Mikkel Wara, one of three MPs. The nomination also mentioned the Franco-German corps, saying the planned 35,000-strong force was a good example of how to create lasting peace. *(Reuter)*

Tackling drugs

Brussels: The European Community agreed to set up a drug information centre so that the 12 member states can share information on the sale and use of illegal narcotics. *(AP)*

Lenin query

Moscow: The Russian authorities are to re-examine the 1918 assassination attempt on Lenin, hitherto thought to be the work of the Social Revolutionary Fanny Kaplan, after suggestions that it might have been faked by the Bolsheviks.

Captain found

Warsaw: Divers have recovered the body of the captain of Jan Heweliusz, the Polish ferry that capsized in storms off the coast of Germany more than three weeks ago. *(Reuter)*

Working less

Paris: Martine Aubry, the French labour minister, said that wage-earners should work fewer hours and earn less to check rising unemployment. *(Reuter)*

Gas poisoning

Rennes: Eighty-two people were treated in hospital after breathing in carbon monoxide fumes at a hockey game in western France. *(Reuter)*

West offers nuclear pledge to Ukraine

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE British and American governments have offered Ukraine "positive nuclear assurances" that the country will not be targeted or threatened by the use of weapons of mass destruction.

The guarantees, the fine points of which are likely to be discussed when President Kravchuk of Ukraine meets John Major in London tomorrow, are part of a quid pro quo for the Ukrainian parliament's ratification of the Start 1 nuclear arms reduction treaty.

The American and British



governments pledged, according to Western sources, "to do their utmost to assist" Ukraine should it become the target of nuclear blackmail by a third nation. However, the texts of the agreements bind the two countries to political, not military, support. The texts are expected to be shown to senior parliamentarians in Kiev before the debate on ratification of the Start treaty.

All sides are playing down the state of negotiations over the assurances, which are at a delicate stage. At a briefing yesterday for British journalists, President Kravchuk was non-committal. "We have asked for guarantees from those countries directly involved in Start, the United States and Russia," he said. "If Britain also offers guarantees, then of course we would only be too pleased."

President Kravchuk, who is also seeking Western financial aid, arrives in Britain today. He will hold talks with Mr Major and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development tomorrow. On Thursday, the Ukrainian visitor is to meet John Smith, the Labour leader, and lunch with the Queen at the Palace. He will spend Thursday night in Edinburgh before returning to Kiev on Friday.

The Start treaty, which will be high on the agenda of his visit, is still under threat because the Russians, who are the Ukrainians' key strategic concern, have yet to provide sufficient pledges respecting Ukraine's sovereignty. Before Russia or the United States can begin work dismantling their respective arsenals, all the former Soviet nuclear republics' parliaments — Ukraine, Belorussia and Kazakhstan — must ratify the treaty.

The Ukrainians, whose de facto possession of 176 multi-headed intercontinental ballistic missiles makes them the world's third largest nuclear power, have told diplomats that, if the Kremlin does not produce the same assurances as the Americans and the British, Start 1 risks being voted down by the Ukrainian parliament.

The rejection will render both Start treaties effectively redundant, scuppering a decade of intensive arms control and locking nuclear arms numbers at Cold war levels. The vote would also be a disaster for President Yeltsin, who has had to defend the deals against accusations that he has undermined Russian security.

As well as assurances on nuclear weapons, the American and British texts give, within the framework of international security treaties, pledges to recognise Ukraine's borders, to respect its territorial integrity and to argue for its interests should either be threatened.

The issue is an important one for Ukraine because of the large Russian minority, and also smaller Hungarian and Romanian groups, within its borders.

Poles promised immigration cash

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

GERMAN and Polish negotiators met in Bonn yesterday for another round of talks on Germany's plans to limit the number of asylum-seekers coming to the federal republic, with the German side promising substantial financial aid to help Warsaw cope with illegal immigrants deported from Germany.

Poland and the Czech republic have threatened to erect their own "iron curtains" to keep out foreigners if Germany starts deporting aliens en masse.

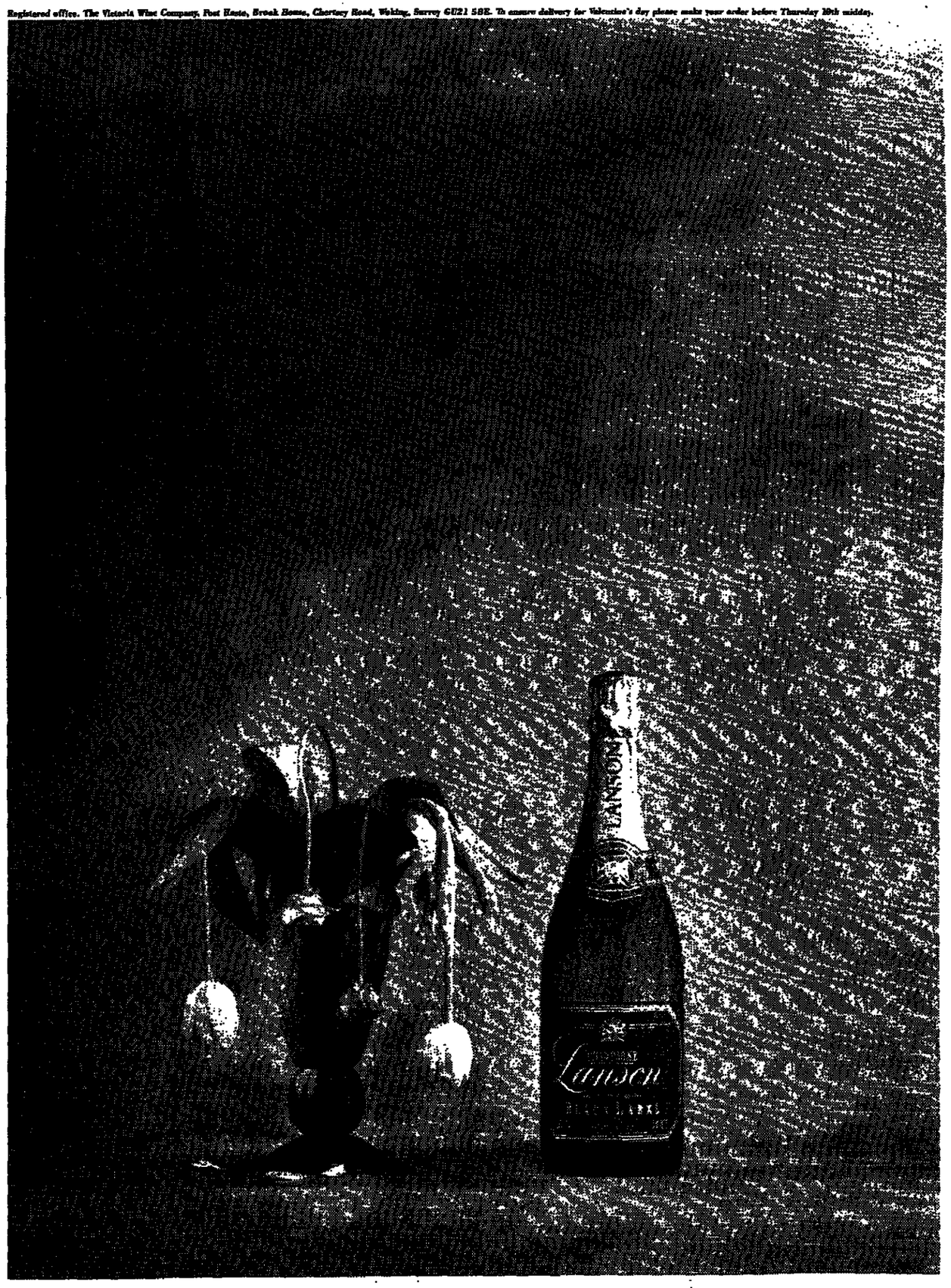
On the eve of the talks Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, Poland's minister of European affairs, criticised the Bonn proposals, saying they would turn his country into a special zone for deportees. He said Poland would be forced to build a new "Berlin Wall" on its eastern frontier to prevent the thousands of economic refugees attempting to reach Germany.

Germany is offering Poland a reported DM55 million (£23 million) to strengthen its own border guards, transit camps and refugee facilities and to pay for the onward deportation of rejected asylum-seekers to their country of origin. Warsaw has already agreed to take back anyone illegally crossing into Germany, but says it cannot cope with a sudden influx of tens of thousands of destitute people.

The Czechs have also expressed fears of a tougher new asylum law in Germany, and insist that Germany's refugee problem cannot simply be dumped across the border.

After the recent agreement by all parties, including the opposition Social Democrats, to enact a drastic curtailment of the liberal right of asylum, as laid down in the constitution, politicians from all parties will meet today to lay out the timetable for the planned changes. The government wants to introduce a first reading of the new bill in the Bundestag this week, although the SPD wants a delay until the end of next month, after an accord with Warsaw and Prague.

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American bluster masks qualified approval for peace plan



Wörner: believes Nato might have to use force

BY ROGER BOYES

WILL the Owen-Vance plan for Bosnia survive the artillery fire from Washington? Despite the bluster and apparent confusion in the Clinton administration, the answer appears to be a qualified yes.

"At the very least the Owen-Vance peace *process* seems set to continue," said a senior British official yesterday who has been in touch with members of President Clinton's decision-making team. In the British view, the plan has weathered the worst. Modifications proposed by America may give the plan a harder edge, Washington may become much more openly hostile to the Serbian leadership, but the White House is about to commit itself to a negotiated settlement that, like the Owen-Vance plan, asserts the integrity of the Bosnian state while devolving much authority to self-governing provinces.

The initial US reaction to the Owen-Vance plan last week was that it was wrong in principle — because it ratified Serbian gains achieved partially by "ethnic cleansing" — and because it was virtually impossible to implement. In the past, those who are now members of Mr Clinton's national security team had argued for the arming of Bosnian Muslims and limited air strikes against Serbian targets. Yet none of this really added up to an alternative to the Owen-Vance plan.

The British official said yesterday that Washington appeared to have accepted European opposition to easing the arms embargo. The day has been carried in Washington, say diplomats, by Russia experts who fear that arming the Bosnian Muslims would encourage Russian nationalists to supply weapons and fuel to Serbia. "Enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia has also been put on the back burner," said the official.

■ It is becoming plain that the Clinton administration cannot have a policy in the Balkans without committing ground troops

However, the Clinton administration will insist on a change in the Vance-Owen map that currently divides Bosnia into ten largely autonomous provinces. The Serbs will be required to give up some of the terrain awarded by the Geneva peacemakers to the Muslims. The Clinton team will also want more robust guarantees for the Bosnian central authorities, and for minorities in Serb or Croat dominated provinces. In addition, Nato will be brought in more actively to ensure that Serb heavy guns are dismantled. After talks with Les Aspin, US defence secretary, at the weekend Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, said: "The peace process may require the ultimate sanction of enforcement to succeed ... We must not shrink from the legitimate use of force if we are to remain credible."

America's suggestions amount to more than tinkering with the Geneva plan. After days of brainstorming in Washington, it has become plain that the country cannot have a policy in the Balkans without committing some ground troops. If Washington is to participate in peacekeeping in Bosnia, it has to abandon the taboo against deploying infantry. "That seems to be the conclusion reached by many of the Clinton team," said one Western diplomat familiar with the discussions. "The suspicion though is that there is still a debate going on inside the president's head."

To make it politically possible to deploy US ground troops, albeit as peacekeepers, the team is determined:

☐ To Clintonise the Owen-Vance plan. Soldiers can enter the fray only if they seem to be enforcing a US-sponsored plan, even if it borrows heavily from the work of Lord Owen and Mr Vance;

☐ To ensure that any US troop involvement is under Nato rather than UN command;

☐ To mobilise the Europeans. One US estimate suggests that 50,000 troops would be needed to implement the peace plan as it currently stands. Half of this contingent would notionally come from Europe;

☐ To buy time for popular persuasion and for diplomacy. It will take, by one optimistic assessment, some three or four months to redraw the map of Bosnia in a way that is acceptable to all three ethnic communities and to the United States. More pressure will be applied in the meantime to the Serbian leadership.

The United States and all the West European allies are agreed that sanctions against rump Yugoslavia should be more rigorously enforced. There will also be accelerated moves towards a war crimes tribunal aimed mainly at Serbs, but also at Croats suspected of atrocities. The overall effect should be to focus US anger on Serbia as the chief aggressor — and thus to generate some popular consensus for a limited US troop deployment in Bosnia.

This new US policy will, however, require diplomatic reshuffling. Russian nationalists will be unhappy with a policy that focuses too narrowly on Serbia, and they will be extremely reluctant to accept a Nato expansion into the Balkan power vacuum. The Great American Discovery of the past week is that the Balkan war is not an isolated problem, nor is it merely a question of setting the right precedents. Bosnia strikes at the US-European political axis, raises dormant questions about the future of Nato and is crucial to the future of the Moscow-Washington relationship.

Clinton is ready for broadened deal to win over Muslims

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration is about to announce its plans for ending the Bosnian conflict, having apparently secured the broad assent of key European allies at the weekend.

Les Aspin, the American defence secretary, briefed Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and other European leaders on the package at a military conference in Munich. He flew back saying he had received a "uniformly positive response" and had heard nothing "that would cause us to rethink where we were going".

Officials in Washington said the main thrust of the American approach to be unveiled this week would be to "build on" the present UN peace plan developed by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance to make it more acceptable to the Bosnian Muslims.

The Owen-Vance proposals, endorsed by the EC, divide Bosnia into ten semi-autonomous provinces, cementing some Serbian territorial gains. The Muslims may also be offered more humanitarian aid, and the administration would make it clear that America was not about to intervene militarily to help them. That hope has been one reason why the Muslims have refused to agree to the Vance-Owen plan.

Pressure would be put on the Serbs to accept an amended plan through tighter economic sanctions and, possibly, new threats of war crimes trials. President Clinton has invited Russian help in drawing up a new settlement, Russia being the country best positioned to bring the Serbs on board.

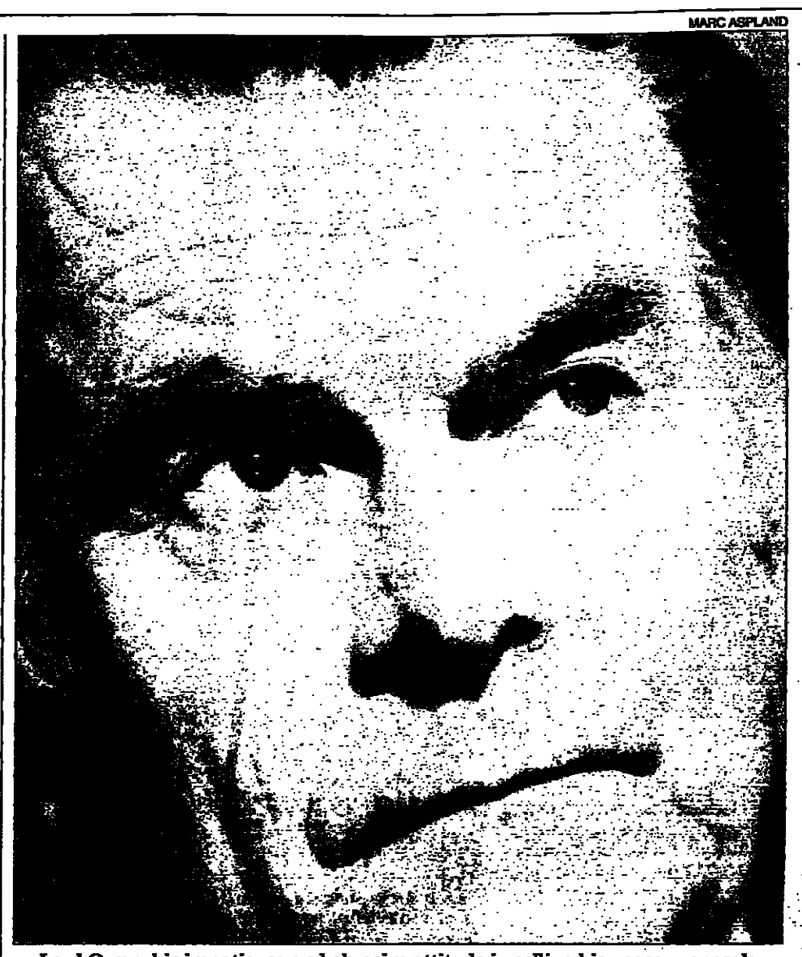
Despite Mr Clinton's muscular campaign rhetoric, the administration has retreated for now from all the military options it was considering. Even military enforcement of the Bosnian no-fly zone has been put on hold, officials said.

The package has been developed jointly by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, Anthony Lake, the national security adviser, and Mr Aspin, and was presented to Mr Clinton at a White House meeting last Friday. Still unclear, however, is exactly how the administration wants to improve the Vance-Owen plan beyond ensuring the Serbs are not rewarded for their "ethnic cleansing". Nor has the administration committed itself to the deployment of American ground troops.

☐ **Belgrade:** Serb leaders issued a warning yesterday that aid planes flying over Serb-held territory in Croatia on their way to Sarajevo must receive clearance from them or "lives will be at risk". A German aid plane was shot at by a Krajina Serb anti-aircraft battery shortly after it took off from Zagreb airport and headed for Sarajevo over Krajina at the weekend. Yesterday the airlift was resumed, but planes flew to Bosnia from the Croatian port of Split and did not fly over Serb-held territory.

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MARC ASPLAND



Lord Owen: his impatience and abrasive attitude in selling his peace proposals raised eyebrows in the Clinton administration and made the US press bridle

Man in the News

Lack of a bedside manner hinders doctor's remedy

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

Lord Owen, the European Community's peace envoy in former Yugoslavia, is in many ways the ideal diplomat. He also has a genuine talent for dissecting intricate problems, particularly those of foreign policy.

But Lord Owen has one flaw as a diplomat, and as a politician: he neither likes, nor has much aptitude for the arcane art of negotiation. The "fudge and mudge" at which he railed in the House of Commons for so many years is ingrained in modern diplomacy, but to Lord Owen it remains anathema.

It is still too early to say whether his abrasive temperament, so vividly revealed in his recent angry pronouncements in the United States, will make or break the peace plan he and his fellow envoy Cyrus Vance have fashioned for Bosnia, but the past few weeks have thrown into relief the character of one of Britain's most distinctive public men, revealing those qualities which once made him the rising young star of British politics, but eventually destroyed him as a party politician.

Typically, David Owen took time and care to form his opinions on Bosnia, and his views over the last few months have changed radically as he has toured the former Yugoslavia. But as ever, once he had made up his mind he was unshakeable, and he clearly arrived in America in a mood more didactic than diplomatic.

Where other peacemakers might have cajoled a little, persuaded and nudged, Lord Owen exploded, publicly and loudly against the Americans who were threatening the Vance-Owen plan, which he described as not "just the best act in town, but the only act in town".

Much as his colleagues often reacted in the Commons, America has responded to Lord Owen's withering scorn by returning it in kind, astonished and piqued that an unelected representative with a chequered political record should adopt such a hectoring tone. An arch *New York Times* editorial criticised his "cheeky, almost condescending lecture" to President Clinton, and called him "as vain as he is *smart*".

His confrontation with the Clinton administration is simply the latest example of Lord Owen's greatest asset, and his most signal weakness: his unswerving, sometimes electrifying faith in the rectitude of his own ideas, and the life-long assumption that he is, or at least should be, the best and only act in town.

In his earlier medical career, Lord Owen's bedside manner must have been a tonic in itself. "Here is your cure," one can imagine him saying. "It will work. It will work because I am prescribing it."

David Owen had a rapid rise in politics after switching from medicine. Elected Labour MP for Plymouth, Sutton, in 1966 he became Navy minister two years later. He was shadow defence spokesman during the Heath government, resigning in 1972 over EC policy. With Labour back in office, he was a junior health minister and in 1977 leapfrogged to the top of the Cabinet as foreign secretary where, between 1977 and 1979, he showed a similar impatience with traditional diplomatic politesse. His name is still reviled in certain corners of the Foreign Office.

Even in the first heady days after the formation of the Social Democratic Party in 1981, David Owen was never quite a team player. Some called it arrogance, others admired his independence, but many who joined to carve out a new party in the political middle ground blamed its failure on his intransigence.

When the SDP and Liberals merged, he remained defiantly outside, almost alone, uncompromising but increasingly irrelevant. His autobiography, *Time to Declare*, was itself a peculiarly Owenite document, full of passion and poetry as well as political reflection and the inevitable reappraisals.

Once he was out of party politics he was seriously considered as a candidate for posts as diverse as United Nations secretary-general, governor of Hong Kong and head of the BBC.

His appointment as Europe's peace envoy may turn out to be inspired. Arguably the only way to break the Balkan impasse was to find someone who would create a plan and push it through by main force: already his partner, Cyrus Vance, has all but disappeared behind Owen's personality.

Lord Owen's fury at American dallying is partly understandable. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had reportedly not even read the 70-page peace plan when they met last week, and Lord Owen has always reserved a special contempt for the uninformed.

The enmity Lord Owen has attracted in American official circles, from his outbursts on television and through scathing interviews in the press, should not be underestimated. The plan may fail but it is hard not to agree with Lord Owen that, for the moment at least, it is the best the Balkans can hope for.

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Owen and Vance dealt double blow

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN SARAJEVO AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

LORD Owen and Cyrus Vance have received a double rebuff after reportedly offending Bosnian Muslim authorities in Sarajevo and Serb leaders from the Krajina enclave in Croatia.

Officials in Sarajevo yesterday rejected what they said was a proposal by a special envoy sent by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance to divide the city along ethnic lines as part of the Geneva peace plan. The British emissary, Jeremy Brade, presented his credentials to President Izetbegovic on Saturday, the head of the precarious Bosnian state said during a press conference. Mr Izetbegovic, a Muslim, gave no details of the talks.

Bosnian government sources said, however, that Mr Brade had proposed separating the besieged city into Muslim, Croat and Serb administrative districts around an extra-territorial central area where government and historical buildings are located.

Serb leaders also refused a request from Lord Owen and Mr Vance to discuss options for peace in New York because they felt the invitation was "humiliating". Slobodan Jarcevic, the foreign minister of the self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina, said he was ready to leave for New York "tomorrow", but only if he was invited properly, "just as Croatia has been invited, as an equal partner".

Leaks of the Sarajevo proposal attributed to Mr Brade received unfavourable reports in *Oslobodenje*, the last functioning newspaper in the Bosnian capital. Mr Brade, who formerly worked as an European Community monitor in Croatia and ran the United Nations refugee operation in Sarajevo for a time, could not be reached. However, Muhammad Krezeiyakovic, the mayor of Sarajevo, said the envoy had approached him about changing city boundaries under the Vance-Owen plan for peace in Bosnia and that he had dismissed the idea.



The Vance-Owen report suggested that a three-member committee, with one representative from each community, be set up to discuss city boundaries.

Krajina Serbs resigned to last-ditch struggle

FROM TIM JUDAH IN OBROVAC

OBROVAC is the end of the line. Thirteen hours' drive due east is Belgrade. To the west, Croatian positions are a mere 30 seconds away for a fired shell. On the front line of the self-declared Republic of Serbian Krajina, Croats and Serbs continued to trade artillery fire yesterday. For the Serbs it is a matter of life or death — or a long march backwards.

From a high point above the town, the valley stretches to the sea and the strategic Maslenica bridge, recaptured by the Croats in their recent offensive, can be seen. Between artillery rounds, an eerie silence falls over the valley. In a field behind the town, local men take orders by radio telephone, map co-ordinates are called out and huge guns blast Croatian positions five miles away.

Obrovac is virtually deserted. Once it shared the tourist boom of the rest of the Adriatic coast. Now Serb soldiers roam the streets and civilians, mostly elderly, drag sacks of potatoes home or any food they can find.

The mood at the front is one of determination, but above all resignation. They realise that they must fight for their lives, and around Obrovac the Croat advance has been checked. There are jokes about advancing on Rijeka, Croatia's main port. The men have dug foxholes, surrounded by stone walls that in peace enclosed their sheep.

Such is the war being fought in Krajina. Northern Bosnia is depopulated and its postwar future can only be poverty. The renewal of war between Serbs and Croats in Krajina promises Serbs only the same as they have meted out to others. The Serbs know that, unless they hold the line, there is only one place to go: east to Serbia, a land in which they have never lived.

The heavy fighting across Bosnia yesterday appeared to be aimed at consolidating territories before the Owen-Vance peace map was presented to the Uited Nations. Bosnian radio said the situation in Sarajevo was worsening. Relief flights have resumed, but only from the Croatian port of Split and US bases in Germany.

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Green initiative from White House fails to distract women critics

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ In the long run President Clinton's focus on the environment may cause a bigger stir than disputes over the attorney-general

PRESIDENT Clinton, having abandoned his second female choice for attorney-general last Friday to avoid controversy, was by yesterday embroiled in a far bigger battle than if he had decided to press ahead with Judge Kimba Wood's nomination.

Mr Clinton announced a new top-level White House office on environmental policy, declaring that "the days of photo-op environmentalism are over". His announcement did little, however, to distract attention from what has inevitably been dubbed "nanny-gate". He was damned for cowardice, incompetence and "failure of nerve" by the American media, and has also been attacked for double standards by the women's groups he had set out to please by appointing America's first woman attorney-general.

The admission by Ron Brown, the commerce secretary, on Sunday that he had not paid social security taxes for a part-time household helped to fuel feminist anger. Mr Clinton had not asked Mr Brown about such matters before nominating him, although he did question Judge Wood. Moreover, Mr Brown had broken the law, whereas Judge Wood had merely employed an illegal immigrant as a nanny at a time when it was still legal to do so and she had paid her nanny's taxes.

There may be worse to come. Just as pot smoking, membership of all-white clubs or womanising have brought the demise of earlier administrations' nominees, so the improper employment of nannies is now Washington's "crime du jour". Women's groups and the media are now hounding all Mr Clinton's top appointees, male or female, on their child-care arrangements.

"The secretary is flattered by the idea that he would need the services of a nanny over the past 35 years," a spokesman for Lloyd Bentsen, the 71-year-old treasury secretary, told reporters.

Furious at the latest turn of events, and still without an attorney-general nearly three weeks after he became president, Mr Clinton spent much of the weekend searching for a new candidate, and he has been forced to consider some men. However, one, a Washington lawyer named Charles Ruff, was disqualified when it emerged that he had failed to pay social security taxes for a part-time household help.

Judge Wood's abandonment closely followed the withdrawal of Zoe Baird's nomination for hiring two illegal immigrants. *The New York Times* declared yesterday that "an unmistakable fog of political incompetence is beginning to form around the White House".

Other papers were harsher still. *The Wall Street Journal* accused Mr Clinton of having "refused to go bat for Judge Wood", and said the White House "seems not only incompetent but uncouth, as if run by, well, a hillbilly couple from Arkansas". The *Los Angeles Times* said the president's abandonment of Judge Wood demonstrated a "failure of nerve. She had done nothing wrong but, fearing a Zoe Baird-like storm, Clinton beat a retreat".

Some commentators suggested that in her failure to be totally forthcoming with Mr Clinton about her child-care arrangements, Judge Wood had given exactly the sort of answer Mr Clinton had specialised in during his election campaign when asked about issues such as the Vietnam draft — technically correct, but incomplete.

This latest furore has shaken the new administration just when it believed it had recovered from the Baird and gays-in-the-military controversies. "Maybe God is punishing us for not picking someone with a normal name, like Mary or Susan or Elizabeth," joked James Carville, Mr Clinton's campaign strategist.

'Co-president' Hillary pulls ahead of Bill in popularity

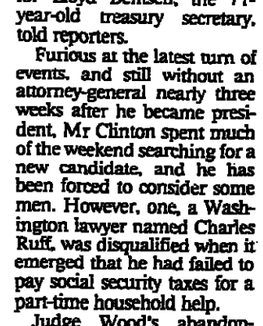
FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY Rodham Clinton has become the star of America's new administration. As she glides confidently along the corridors of power, in the White House and on Capitol Hill, with senior politicians paying her wary respect, some commentators are talking about Mrs Clinton, not as First Lady or even as "presidential partner", but as "co-president".

Not only is she scoring unusually high approval ratings, she has even supplanted, though probably only temporarily, the Princess of Wales as *People* magazine's best-selling cover story. According to an opinion poll in *USA Today*, Mrs Clinton has overtaken her husband in the popularity stakes. An NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll suggested 74 per cent of Americans regard her as a "positive role model for American women".

Her surge in popularity challenges conventional wisdom about America, including Americans' own prejudices about themselves. Some commentators have questioned her feminism, pointing out that she gave her first interview to *The New York Times* food writer. The subject of the interview was the no smoking policy in the White House and vegetables.

Mickey Kaus, a senior editor of *The New Republic* magazine, has bemoaned "creeping Rodhamism", suggesting it was not feminism but nepotism. She played a role in selecting and interviewing the president's second nominee for attorney-general, the New York district judge Kimba Wood, who later withdrew from the race because she had employed an illegal immigrant.



Hillary: widely seen as a positive role model

However, most comments about Mrs Clinton have been favourable. Perhaps the crucial factor is the president's decision to put her in charge of health care reform, probably the single most important policy on the Clinton presidency's agenda. Health care reform is an issue which most middle-class Americans care deeply about.

It is too early to judge her ability to sort out America's health care system which, at an annual cost of $800 billion (£550 billion), gobbles up 14 per cent of America's gross national product yet leaves many people without any medical insurance or care. One senior Democrat senator was quoted as saying that "Clinton's not doing his wife any favour, giving her this".

The consensus is that by giving the job to his wife the president is indicating just how important the subject of health care reform is going to be. Her much publicised visit to Congress last week, when she discussed health care with senators from both parties, was generally hailed a success, and she was widely praised for the depth of her knowledge. Patrick Leahy, democratic senator from Vermont, proclaimed that "this is the first time in my 19 years here that I think health care reform is going to happen".

The new administration's first policy proposal, free vaccination to children, was said to have come on Mrs Clinton's insistence, and there will be more efforts to extend health coverage to poorer children. But from there onwards there can be little doubt that this job will turn out to be tougher than cutting the budget deficit.

Inglorious death for soldiers in Zaire's civil war

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

A PICK-UP truck pulled up outside the Mama Yemo hospital yesterday with a cargo of two dead soldiers escorted by four armed comrades. One jumped off the vehicle to salvage the only thing one of the cadavers had of value and roughly cut a set of parachute wings from the blood-stained battle tunic.

Soon after, another truck arrived. This carried the corpse of a young male prisoner who had died of starvation in the Macala prison near by.

There can be no more powerful symbols of the tragic effects of the political paralysis which has gripped Zaire for the past two years: dividing its armed forces and causing the administrative and welfare systems to collapse.

The dead soldiers had been hacked with machetes and castrated by civilians last week when the army went on a looting rampage after being paid with five-million zaire notes of little value. Hundreds of other soldiers killed in fighting with President Mobutu's special presidential division were dumped into the raging waters of the Congo river and by now will have been eaten by crocodiles or carried out to sea.

Ngulu Bila, 54, a fellow prisoner assigned to escort the body, said that four or five detainees die every week as a result of starvation and dysentery in the prison.

"We are lucky we were able to get to use this car. The other bodies last week were just left where they died and the cats came and ate their eyes," Bila said.

The Rev Lombe Futa, the prison chaplain, confirmed the prisoner's tale. "They are fed half a glass of beans each day. If the prisoners get sick and don't have family in Kinshasa they die," he said.

Over the weekend neither President Mobutu nor Etienne Tshisekedi, the leader of the opposition, offered any hope for the Zairois, many of whom are facing severe malnutrition as a result of the looting last week which destroyed an already staggering transport network bringing food to Kinshasa.

President Mobutu dismissed Mr Tshisekedi as prime minister on Friday, but on Saturday morning Mr Tshisekedi said that the president did not have the power to remove him.

"Only the National Conference [set up in mid-1991 to bring democracy to Zaire after 26 years of dictatorship under Mr Mobutu] can dismiss me," Mr Tshisekedi said. This week the Zairois can look forward only to more of the war of words which has characterised politics in the country since President Mobutu allowed rival parties to form in April 1990 but refused to give up control of the armed forces and the treasury.



Danger ahead: Lieutenant Tombalato, of the Foreign Legion, searching for mines on a road in west Somalia after one killed six people at the weekend

Mr Tshisekedi has said that he expects to go to work in the prime minister's office this week but it is likely that he will be barred from entering by the special division — which has happened twice before. Marshal Mobutu, in his luxury palace in Ngabolite, his home town, remains indifferent to the plight of the Zairois.

Last week the French, Belgian and American governments called on Zaire's president to step aside and hand power to the opposition, but as one diplomat in Kinshasa remarked yesterday: "This amounts to little more than the growling of toothless lions."

The triumvirate has discussed the possibility of freezing Marshal Mobutu's personal fortune, estimated at £6 billion — almost all aid was cut to Zaire after the first round of looting in 1991.

But aside from the difficulty of finding out where Marshal Mobutu has hidden his money and the problems of getting such information from Swiss bankers, they also face the problem that Zaire is bankrupt in all but name and Marshal Mobutu is now the main source of income, since the mining operations of the state-run Gecamines have come to a standstill.

"The only real option open to the international community if it is serious about getting rid of Mobutu is some kind of military intervention — but is a very distant prospect and would not come until the country has collapsed into total, rather than occasional, anarchy," a Western diplomat said.

With direct intervention a dim prospect and the chances of Marshal Mobutu stepping down dimmer still Jonas Mbalanga, a taxi driver, said yesterday: "All we can do is hope, but we have no idea what to hope for in Zaire."

Elsewhere in Africa, there was gloomy news, too. In Mogadishu, the United Nations reported that a child was trampled to death by hungry crowds surging forward for aid. The incident occurred at the weekend at one of 31 camps around Mogadishu where aid agencies launched a new system of food handouts.

Unicef announced that an epidemic of measles was raging in Somalia and the organisation aimed to vaccinate 750,000 children. The disease is killing hundreds every week.

"We are launching a blitz within weeks," a spokesman for the fund said. Unicef vaccinated 250,000 children last year.

☐ Pretoria talks: Government negotiators spent eight hours yesterday locked in talks with a team from the Inkatha Freedom Party, trying to persuade them to accept a temporary power-sharing arrangement which is on the point of agreement between the African National Congress and President de Klerk's white minority regime.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran planes collide in mid-air killing 132

Iran suffered one of its worst air disasters yesterday when a Russian designed warplane ploughed into a chartered Iranian airliner and sent it plunging to the ground in flames, killing all 132 people on board (Christopher Walker writes).

Witnesses describing how they saw bodies tumbling from the burning Tupolev on lease to an Iranian charter company. Mehrabad airport, used three times a week by British Airways flights from London, is notorious for its poor safety procedures. Parallel runways serve military and civilian aircraft.

Kabul shelled

Kabul: Hundreds of rockets and shells rained down on Kabul, killing and injuring dozens of residents, as Afghan rebels launched their heaviest bombardment of the capital in three weeks of fighting. *(Reuter)*

Briton hurt

Brussels: A Briton among 21 hostages released by rebels in northern Angola was slightly injured when a government MiG attacked Ulge airport, where the handover took place. A Unita rebel was killed. *(AFP)*

Amnesty ire

London: Australian aborigines are imprisoned 27 times more often than other Australians and sometimes held in conditions that may amount to "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment", Amnesty International said.

Tourists flee

Peking: Hundreds of tourists fled from a Chinese resort, Ling Xiao Yan, when rioters went on a 36-hour orgy of destruction. The *Yangcheng Evening News* was the first to report on the riot last month. *(Reuter)*

Talks urged

Nairobi: Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the overseas development minister, made a plea for a peaceful dialogue between President Moi of Kenya and the opposition to avoid "the ruinous things that have been done in Somalia".

Colony vow

Hong Kong: China will not retaliate against Hong Kong civil servants who backed Governor Chris Patten's political reforms after the colony comes under Chinese rule, senior Peking officials said. *(AFP)*

Mormon held

Provo, Utah: A man claiming to have a case full of dynamite held the president of the Mormon Church's ruling council hostage in front of 15,000 worshippers. Students overpowered him. *(AP)*

Love hurts

Cairo: Police charged a man with illegal possession and use of firearms after he left a jeweller's shop with his new fiancée and fired into the air in celebration. He wounded five passers-by. *(Reuter)*

Cannibal killer says he alone is to blame

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

JEFFREY Dahmer said he alone was to blame for the series of dismemberment killings for which he is serving life in prison, and said he still feels "those old compulsions" that led him to commit the crimes.

"The only person to blame is the person sitting right across from you," Dahmer said in his first interview since he was convicted in February 1992. "That's the only person — not parents, not society, not pornography."

On July 22, 1991, police discovered severed heads, refrigerated skulls and preserved genitalia in Dahmer's Milwaukee apartment. He later confessed to killing and dismembering 17 young men and boys, one of them in Ohio.

Dahmer, 32, was interviewed at the Columbia Correctional Facility in Portage, Wisconsin, where he is serving 15 consecutive life terms. Parts of the interview are scheduled to be shown this week on the syndicated television show *Inside Edition*.

Dahmer said he killed and ate parts of his victims' bodies "not because I hated them, but because I wanted to keep them with me". Dahmer said his acts resulted from a compulsion in which sexual fantasies of control and dominance mixed with excitement, fear and pleasure.

Dahmer pleaded guilty but insane at his trial. A Milwaukee jury found him sane. He was also sentenced to life for killing a hitchhiker in his boyhood home of Bath, Ohio, in 1978. One of the Milwaukee killings was not prosecuted for lack of evidence. Wisconsin has no death penalty, but Dahmer has been left with no chance of parole.

Dahmer's tone was matter-of-fact as he spoke of gruesome details, such as how he ate the hearts of his victims and tried to use injections to induce a zombie-like state in them so that he could keep them alive.

Nine years and a stint in the army passed between Dahmer's first and second killings, but Dahmer said he felt a surge of energy after the second killing that made him feel he "was in complete control of the situation".

He said that, if he had not been caught, he would probably still be committing similar crimes. "I wish I could say that it just left completely, but ... there are times when I still do have those old compulsions."

Burma's Prince of Darkness

Security chief loves limelight

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN RANGOON

BURMA'S Prince of Darkness and head of the secret police in one of the world's most tightly controlled societies, Major General Khin Nyunt is "enforcer" for Burma's military leader, General Ne Win.

Major General Khin, 53, chief of military intelligence (MI), is no background figure, but the most visible of the Burmese junta leaders, daily depicted in the press inspecting a construction project or receiving a rare visiting foreign dignitary.

A businessman jailed on what diplomats say were spurious charges described Major General Khin's Insein prison where he shared a cell with 130 others, including 60 Buddhist monks. "They tied weights to my testicles, then stood me on a wooden board with needles pointed upwards under my heels so that I had to remain on tip-toe," he said. "Then they hit me with socks filled with sand, so that I suffered internal injuries. What shocked me most was seeing MI officers kick and spit at monks — I never dreamed any Burmese would act in this way."



Khin Nyunt: most visible of the country's leaders

Diplomats in Rangoon say that Major General Khin is the most powerful man in Burma after General Ne Win, whose chief protégé he is. Burmese say the youthful-looking secret police chief once wanted to be a film actor. "He takes a lot of care with his appearance," says one Burmese insider. But he is ruthless and does not like to be mocked — the country's best known comedian, Zagana, is in jail after appearing on stage in drag and calling himself "Madame Khin Nyunt".

When I asked Major General Khin, through a bodyguard of armed troops and plain-clothes intelligence agents, when he planned to release Aung San Suu Kyi, the pro-democracy leader held under house arrest for three and a half years, he replied: "I have no time to answer this." He also dismissed questions about the national convention now under way here to set guidelines for a constitution that will enshrine a place for the military in Burma's government.

Since last April he has ruled in tandem with General Than Shwe, chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, who was appointed after his predecessor, General Saw Maung, became unwell and incoherent. General Than Shwe is "completely obedient" to General Ne Win, 82, but he is seen by some as "somewhat more human" than the other junta leaders, especially Major General Khin, whose eyes, Burmese whisper, give them the creeps.

General Than has relaxed martial law, lifted the night curfew, freed some detainees and allowed Daw Suu Kyi's husband and children to visit from Britain. "Before everything had stopped in time," said one envoy. "Now things seem to be moving — but are the changes cosmetic or real?"

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Chris Patten may find the answer to his heart problem quite close to home. **Aileen Ballantyne** reports

A Chinese recipe to follow

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Country lives: a recent ten-year study shows that someone living in rural China is 20 times less likely to die of heart disease than a person in the United Kingdom

Hong Kong's last governor shares the elite lifestyle of his predecessors: the yacht, the palatial residence and the tax-free entertainment allowance. But Chris Patten reckoned without his own sleeping dragon: coronary arteries blocked by years of consuming a high-fat Western diet.

Now, with the world's finest restaurants on his doorstep, the man known to his friends as a keen gourmet will find the personal challenge he faces even greater than the public one. The latest medical evidence shows he must now adopt the eating habits of a Chinese peasant rather than a Chinese emperor if he wants to enjoy the greatest gift of the east: longevity.

> People are baffled at the idea of controlling how much "cholesterol" they're eating

"You can eat better in Hong Kong than almost anywhere else in the world," Mr Patten said just before Christmas. But many heart disease experts would strongly disagree. Dr Rory Collins, a British Heart Foundation senior research fellow, said he doubted if you could easily eat well, in the sense of eating a healthy, low fat diet, in Hong Kong's restaurants. "I was born there," Dr Collins says, "and the restaurants are fabulous, but it is just like Manhattan — many of them offer Western-style food."

Mr Patten, affectionately known as Fei Pang (Fat Patten) in the colony, has reportedly been told by doctors to lose weight and go on a strict "low cholesterol" diet. There are many ways of interpreting that advice. Fresh complexities arise daily as each new research study is reported, leading many to suspect — or hope — that medical experts are not getting it quite right when it comes to cholesterol. The idea that "there's no real evidence it does any harm anyway" is a pleasing thought as you reach for the next pastry or chocolate bar.

Unfortunately, that guilt-assuaging sense of comfort is misplaced according to those who have examined all the most recent evidence. Dr Mike Rayner, a senior research officer for the Coronary Prevention Group, an independent charity, says there is real hope that Mr Patten and thousands like him, who have had their first warning signs of a serious heart problem, can undo a great deal of the damage. "There is growing evidence that heart disease is reversible and that blockages in the coronary arteries can diminish. However, you do need to adopt a very low fat diet and that is extremely difficult for most people."

If he needs visual proof that this sort of diet can lead to longevity, however, Mr Patten need look no further than the communist Chinese leaders nearly twice his age who were almost certainly reared on such a diet for decades. Even in urban China, heart disease deaths are about six times lower than in the UK.

In rural China, where people still eat a diet based on rice and vegetables with almost no animal or dairy fat, heart disease in middle age is virtually unheard of. A recent ten-year study of heart disease rates there, financed by the National Institutes of Health in the USA, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in the UK, and the Chinese government, found that people living in rural China are 20 times less likely to die of heart disease than those living in the UK.

The epidemiologists who conduct these studies say that their findings are not confounded by genetic factors. For example when a Japanese person (whose diet, and heart disease rates will be very similar to that of an urban Chinese) moves to the United States and adopts the local lifestyle their heart disease rates soon go up to match those of their adopted country.

But there will still be those who continue to cast doubt and who demand even more graphic proof. It exists, in the shape of the world's first controlled clinical dietary trial designed to find out how arterial blockages and chest pains — such as those suffered by Mr Patten — would respond to a one-year near-vegan diet accompanied by group stress reduction meetings and exercise. The trial was carried out in the United States, which has halved its death rate from heart disease in the last 20 years.

The specially devised diet was like a modern equivalent of the Chinese peasant diet. No fish was allowed (the researchers felt that all fat, including the minimal amounts found in fish, had to be pared down to the bare minimum needed for nutrition) and all animal products were banned except for egg white and one daily cup of non-fat milk or yoghurt. Only 10 per cent of the total calories came from fat of any kind — saturated, polyunsaturated and monosaturated. The results, published just over two years ago in *The Lancet* by Dr Dean Ornish of the University of California, San Francisco, showed that for most of the 28 severe heart disease sufferers (many of whom had had heart bypass surgery) who followed the programme chest pain virtually disappeared, and narrowed arteries (checked by injecting dye into the coronary arteries) had re-opened. The "control" group of 20 subjects, however, who followed the standard World Health Organisation guidelines of reducing fat intake to 30 per cent of average calories, reported no such improvements. For many, the chest pain increased and artery blockages worsened.

Dr Collins argues that this trial, taken together with another more recent study at St Thomas' Hospital, London, and many other studies involving either very low fat diets or cholesterol lowering drugs, show that coronary heart disease can indeed be reversed. "If you decrease people's blood cholesterol levels by about 10 per cent you see a reduction of about 10 per cent in deaths from coronaries," he says.

Other experts, such as Professor Desmond Julian, the director of the British Heart Foundation, point out that while there is no doubt that this "near vegan" diet works to reverse heart disease, a less strict, but still very low fat version including fish and lean meat may well be effective in preventing heart disease in the first place.

But why is cholesterol important? It is not surprising that people are baffled at the idea of trying to control how much "cholesterol" they are eating. Foods which are high in *dietary* cholesterol, such as seafood and eggs, are of little or no danger if eaten in moderation by a healthy person. The danger comes from the saturated fats found in all meat and dairy products. This fat interferes with the receptors in the liver which would normally dispose of harmful *blood* cholesterol and also encourages the liver to produce more blood cholesterol than it can get rid of. High blood cholesterol in turn leads to atherosclerosis: the build-up of deposits of fatty material in the arteries that is the foundation stone of heart disease.

But, some will still argue, what about the apparent slight increase in suicide rates, and deaths from cancer in those taking part in studies which lower cholesterol by drugs or diet? There may be a significant drop in deaths from heart disease if blood cholesterol levels are lowered, but will the patient then die of something else?

Dr Collins, who has looked carefully at the results of all such studies with Professor Richard Peto, one of the world's leading epidemiologists, concludes that these apparent excesses in deaths are far too small to be of any significance statistically. Although both would like to see large scale trials to prove the case once and for all, Dr Collins adds that in rural China, for example, where the average blood cholesterol level (three millimoles per litre) is half that in the UK, there is no evidence of increased risks from suicide or cancer.

In the UK, where we still get about 40 per cent of our calories from fat, one in 12 men and one in 45 women will die of heart disease before they reach the age of 65. The evidence that changing our diet will make a huge impact on these deaths is now overwhelming. It is all too easy to make blips in the figures into an excuse just to continue to eat the diet we have grown accustomed to.



Patten: reined-in gourmet

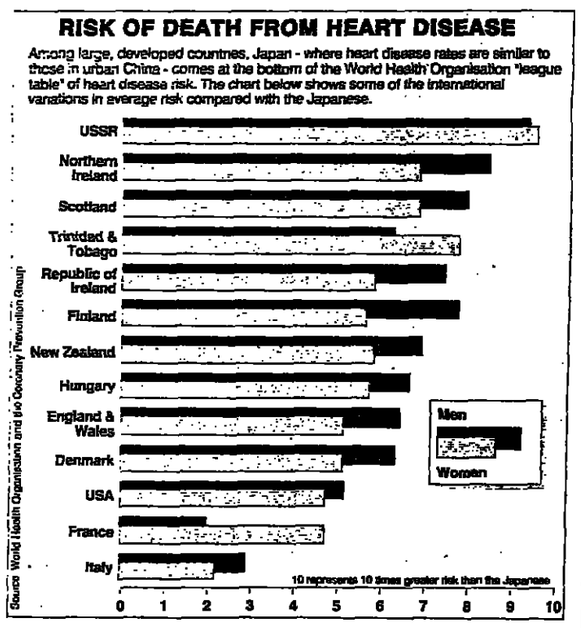
The good heart guide

The Coronary Prevention Group recommends:

- Giving up smoking. This is the single most important step that can be taken to avoid heart disease. Long term studies show that more than 100,000 people die prematurely every year because they smoke — 40,000 of them from heart disease.
- A diet with a low saturated fat content similar to that enjoyed in rural China, or a "Mediterranean" style diet with lots of pasta (and very little meat sauce), fresh fruit and vegetables.
- The ideal diet should be high in foods such as rice, bread, pasta and potatoes, together with at least five servings of fruit or vegetables a day. Fruit and vegetables are high in vitamins C and E. Some studies suggest that cholesterol has to oxidise before it can be trapped in the arteries and that vitamins C and E can act as anti oxidants.
- Meat should be treated as a "flavouring" rather than as the main part of the meal and should always be lean, with all visible fat removed.
- Only small amounts of dairy products should be eaten, and in low fat varieties such as skimmed and semi-skimmed milk and cheeses such as Edam or cottage cheese.
- When shopping, beware of "hidden" saturated fats on labels, particularly on biscuits. Most contain "hydrogenated vegetable oil" — which has been turned into harmful saturated fat by the process of hydrogenisation in spite of the reassuring word "vegetable". Polyunsaturated margarines are far better than butter, but should be used sparingly, as most still contain about 13 per cent saturated fat.
- Like all muscles, the heart benefits from being used. Brisk exercise three times a week for 20 minutes is recommended. It should be hard enough to get you out of breath, but not to make it impossible to carry on a conversation.

RISK OF DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE

Among large, developed countries, Japan - where heart disease rates are similar to those in urban China - comes at the bottom of the World Health Organisation "league table" of heart disease risk. The chart below shows some of the international variations in average risk compared with the Japanese.



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Asthma, steroids and sex hormones

BOTTOM LINE

THE National Asthma Campaign reports that 37 per cent of calls to its helpline are from sufferers worried about the side effects of drugs — and mainly about the effects of steroids. Many refuse to take their prescribed corticosteroids because they are so worried.

Meanwhile, thousands of young men and women in gyms all over the land are also ignoring medical advice. They are swallowing anabolic steroids by the handful, and injecting further supplies straight into their muscles in order to help them grow bigger, quicker.

The irony is that the low-dose steroids avoided by the asthmatics are safe: the same cannot be said for the completely different varieties of steroids, swallowed and injected by some body-builders and sportsmen.



Steroid sprinter: Ben Johnson, banned for using drugs

☐ Both corticosteroids and anabolic, or body-building, steroids belong to a group of chemicals produced from the adrenal glands, which are located at the top of each kidney. Asthma prevention drugs are based on the glucocorticosteroids naturally produced in the body. These damp down inflammatory responses and relieve allergies, and they work by influencing the breakdown of sugar, protein and calcium.

☐ The steroids which body-builders and sportsmen may use are derived from the commonest male sex hormone, testosterone. The surge of testosterone at puberty is responsible for the enlargement and development of the genitals, the deepening of the voice, a sudden increase in height and the build-up of muscle tissue. Manufacturers have tried and failed to produce anabolic steroids which build muscle without having the other characteristics of male sex hormones. Despite the differences between the asthma and the body-building drugs, doctors and lay people alike use the shorthand term "steroids".

☐ Anabolic steroids should more accurately be described as male sex hormones, according to Professor Peter Parish, the author of *Medical Treatments. The Benefits and Risks* (Penguin, £9.99): "Then people could be clear about what they were taking."

☐ Modern asthma treatment depends on prevention. Any asthmatic who needs to use an inhaler to relieve symptoms more than once a day should be taking corticosteroids, says Dr Martyn Partridge, the chairman of the National Asthma Campaign's education committee. These involve a tiny inhaled dose, delivered straight to the airway, where they reduce inflammation and swelling.

☐ Doctors now aim to control asthma with small daily doses of inhaled corticosteroids, augmented by steroid tablets taken for a few days when attacks become more severe. People with very severe asthma may have to take high doses of corticosteroids continuously. Such long-term use can cause side effects which include weight gain, thinning of the bones, stomach ulcers and an increased risk of diabetes. In these cases, doctors and patients have to weigh these disadvantages against the increased risk of death from an acute asthma attack.

☐ Anabolic steroids are still occasionally used in medical treatments, for persistent anaemia, advanced breast cancer and in vascular disorders. Research into the side effects of the drugs has been based on medically prescribed doses, and the results suggested they were fairly harmless. However, when used as a muscle-building training aid, it is likely that at least four times the recommended dose of steroids will be taken. Some experts fear that high levels of anabolic steroids increase the risks of hypertension, heart attacks, and of liver cancers.

☐ Anabolic steroid users often have a marked increase in aggression, known as "Roid Rage". However, users often welcome this heightened feeling, which they believe gives them the edge in competitions. The aggression and drugs help them train longer and recover more quickly.

☐ Taking anabolic steroids initially increases sex drive in men. However, anabolic steroids switch off the natural sex hormones produced by the body. So after several weeks, sex drive and fertility decline. These effects are thought to be reversible after stopping taking steroids. The effects on women who take steroids is more serious.

☐ Many female body-builders stop taking steroids when they experience the masculine side-effects. These include growing beards, going bald and developing deeper voices. Long-term use has irreversible effects on the sex organs — making the clitoris larger and reducing fertility.

☐ Needle exchange centres, set up to provide clean needles to drug addicts who were otherwise at risk of HIV infection, report that large numbers of anabolic steroid users are using the facility. At Drug Dependants Anonymous in Nottingham — an area particularly well served by gyms — about 400 of the 800 people using the facility's needle exchange service take anabolic steroids. Only two of the steroid users are female.

☐ More young men are becoming anabolic steroid users, according to Dr Patricia Choi, a lecturer in health psychology at the University of Nottingham who says this is a worrying trend. "I have interviewed 16-year-olds who use them. At that age, they have not stopped growing, and we do not know the effects of taking them."

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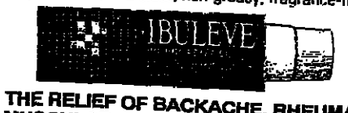
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The boy, the witch and the wardrobe


SYGMA

David Bisson, left, spent eight years imprisoned and tortured by his mother. Now, reports Charles Bremner, he has written about his awful childhood


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Casting off the chains: David Bisson, now aged 22, found that writing the book about his terrible experiences was cathartic. "It helped me live," he says

There is nothing unusual in a young man describing his mother as beautiful, highly intelligent and hard working. But hearing it from David Bisson leaves you shocked and puzzled.

In the recent annals of human cruelty, Françoise Bisson, M Bisson's mother, must surely rank as one of the most irredeemable monsters. It was ten years ago that Mme Bisson became, for a while, the most reviled woman in France. She hit the headlines in August 1982 after M Bisson, then aged 12, escaped from home and was found curled up like an animal in a suburban Paris garden.

The boy's tale was so terrible that the police were reluctant to believe him. He had been imprisoned since the age of four, chained to a pipe in the bathroom, then in his mother's bedroom. For the last 13 months he had been locked in a wardrobe, fed only scraps.

> 'I suppose making all this public is a little revenge'

David had not only been deprived of affection, human contact, food, school, toys or any of the basics of childhood for eight years. His mother had also tortured him, beating him bloody, and, among other things, burning his hands in scalding water. All that time, she had been a model mother to a second son by a different father, a year younger than M Bisson.

Mme Bisson and her common-law husband were sentenced to seven years and "*l'enfant du placard*", the child in the wardrobe, as M Bisson was known in the media, returned to anonymity and the care of experts. Now, aged 22, he has emerged to tell his tale. His book, *L'Enfant Derrière la Porte*, or The Child Behind The Door, is a study of maternal depravation.

The first reaction on meeting M Bisson and hearing his story is to reach for expressions such as "triumph of the human spirit", but that seems inadequate. What strikes you most from his matter-of-fact narrative is the sheer animal drive for survival.

His disfigured hands are not the only scars M Bisson bears. He is small and frail, looks young for his age and speaks in a murmur. But talking to him, he could be any other awkward young man chatting with humour and a trace of bitterness about an unhappy childhood. "I had to get things out into the open, put some order in my mind," he says about his book, which he wrote with the help of Evangeline de Schonen, a Paris psychotherapist. "It has been a sort of liberation ... It has helped me live."

He has learnt, he says, to understand something of what drove his mother but not necessarily to forgive her. "I suppose making all this public now is a little revenge in a way. She certainly didn't want me to write it," he says.

Mme Bisson asked her son not to write the book in 1987, after she left prison. M Bisson had written to the justice minister requesting her early release and, on the advice of Dr Tony Lainé, the psychiatrist who helped him to build a new life, he had hoped to establish some link with her. But the meetings ended when he asked why she had mistreated him and wanted to know the identify of his father. She ran away and he has since had no contact. M Bisson has no idea if she has read the book. His brother has also disappeared, along with the step-father whom he describes as a coward who acquiesced in the plot to banish David from their existence out of fear of a dictatorial woman. The couple have since separated.

M Bisson feels little anger towards his brother, who he heard living a normal boy's life as he spent his years cut off from the outside, catching only glimpses of the world on very occasional outings. The brother had taken pity on him at times and released him from the wardrobe during his mother's absences.

M Bisson has come to understand the forces behind his mother's evil. Mme Bisson had herself been illegitimate, did not know the name of her father, and ran away from home. She gave birth to David in 1970 during a train stop in Angers. She was working on an intercity express as a cleaner and had hidden her pregnancy. She handed the child over to foster care. David's memories of kind foster mothers helped him through his years of oblivion.

His mother took him back at the age of four after she had set up home with a supermarket manager and given birth to her second son. From the outset, she banished her first child to his purgatory. "It's as if she wanted to deny her own self. She wanted to erase her own origins which she was ashamed of," he says. Some have made the obvious point about love being the other side of hatred. "It was more a question of hate," he says. "What I lived for eight years had nothing to do with love." Did he wonder as a child if all mothers treated children like that? "It was the only situation I knew."

With the help of Dr Lainé, who died last year, and the people who surrounded him in the children's home in the 1980s, M Bisson overcame his hate but he still cannot swallow his mother's denials, at her trial, of any wrong-doing and her subsequent refusal to see psychiatrists.

He discloses in the book that she and his step-father were given relatively light sentences because he acceded in a request from his brother not to incriminate them. "Because of him, everything I said at the trial was the opposite of my thoughts. If he hadn't been there, I would never have lied to the judges. I think I would have said: 'Convict her!'", he writes. Still, prison must have been hard enough for a proud couple, he says with a laugh. "Him a director of a supermarket and her a '*jolie, noble dame*'. They must have sweated."

Because of his silence during the trial, the detail of M Bisson's treatment has not been made public before. The descriptions of the mother's tortures are almost too painful to read. She would beat him for imagined misdemeanours, and for his efforts to make toys from the meagre objects in the room. She burnt his hair with a cigarette lighter. When he vomited up the leftovers that were his food, she would make him eat the results.

In the most horrible scene, the mother forces five-year-old David's hands into boiling water, inflicting third degree burns that took him to hospital. There, he says, he was too frightened to tell the staff what had happened. He found out later that his mother had registered him under his brother's name and had given a plausible explanation. That incident was the basis of her criminal conviction.

M Bisson describes a life of sounds and sights glimpsed from a cell. In early childhood, "my life was limited to the bathroom and my chain and the presence or absence of my mother. But I listened a lot: conversations from outside, voices of the family in the flat. The shouts of children in the playground. I would play with them. I heard cars passing. I saw shadows on the shutters. All that made me live a little bit as though I was taking part in other people's lives."

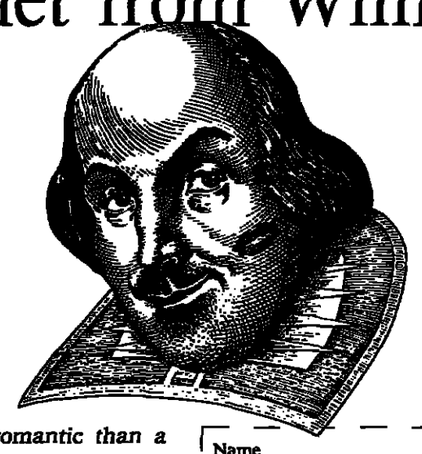
The hardest part was hearing his brother's normal life, he says. "My mother treated him like a king. As soon as he had a cold, she called the doctor. He had all the toys in the world." Eventually, in mid-1982, Mme Bisson forgot to lock the wardrobe and David grabbed an anorak and a woollen cap from his brother — his mother kept him in underclothes — and dashed outside into the August sunshine. He did not know what summer was.

M Bisson passes quickly over his subsequent years in the children's home. He learnt to read and write there, but found it hard to concentrate and was a difficult teenager. Abandoning a childhood dream of work as a pilot, he left school at 17 and has had a series of manual jobs. "Perhaps my mother did not kill me when I was little, but the weight of the past is so heavy. Sometimes it prevents me from doing things," he says. He is now working as a dish washer in a restaurant but he hopes to resume his studies and possibly get a job in the couture business. Surprisingly perhaps, his experience has not put him off girls, he says, and he hopes to get married one day and have a family.

Since his book was published in France, *l'enfant du placard* has returned to the glare of the media, featuring in magazines and appearing on a television special about abused children. According to the experts, some 50,000 young people in France are being subjected to varying degrees of cruelty, a "real massacre of the innocents", as Herve Bazin, a writer-activist calls it. Three hundred a year die from their injuries. A big lesson from M Bisson's experience, says M Bazin, is how easy it was for his mother to hide him from the safeguards of a modern welfare state.

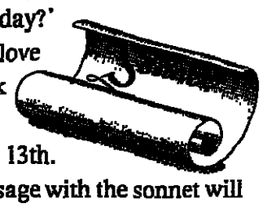
For M Bisson, his mother is still with him. "I cannot cut myself off from her. If she got in touch, I would go and see her," he says. But, he would expect nothing from a meeting. "It is too late."

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An Aborigine is offering his own head in return for ancient remains

Headhunter in a pickle

Back in Britain for the first time since January 1988, when he planted an Aboriginal flag on a Dover cliff top claiming "possession of England on behalf of the Aboriginal peoples", Burnum Burnum, a campaigner for Aborigine rights, says he is here to see how his loyal British subjects are getting on. The smile, however, belies more cranial concerns.

An actor and author, Mr Burnum has returned in search of the preserved head of the legendary Aboriginal warrior Pemulwy, which he is sure is still in Britain. And he is offering his own head — pickled in a jar, should the British so desire — in exchange for that of his hero.

"It's a fair swap," he contends. "Pemulwy's head is far more important than mine and even after 200 years, probably more attractive." Before he can verify that, however, he has to find Pemulwy.

The Aborigine's head was sent to Britain in 1803. Upon its receipt, the naturalist Sir Joseph Banks wrote to the colony's governor, Philip King, of the "manifold packages you have had the goodness to forward to me ... among the last was the head of one of your subjects. When brought home (it) was very acceptable to our anthropological collections and makes a figure in the museum of the late Mr Hunter, now purchased by the public."


DAVID REDHILL

The Hunter Museum's human specimens formed the basis of the Royal College of Surgeons' collection, much of which was destroyed by fire during the second world war. If it survived, Pemulwy's head would probably have gone to the Natural History Museum which inherited much of the college's material. The museum has, however, no record of its receipt.

Pemulwy's head is only one example of remains sought by Aborigines from European countries. Germany, France and Italy have extensive collections, while Russia possesses relics of the Aeora tribes, from the Sydney area. "Considering many of those tribes have been wiped out, the return of their remains is of great spiritual importance to us," Mr Burnum says.

Some remains have been returned to Australia (including a collection held at Edinburgh University until 1991), but there are still unquantified amounts abroad.

Roni Ellis, an executive officer in the cultural relations branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra, says that there is "still considerable ignorance, hypocrisy and opposition in some overseas institutions to the practice of returning remains to countries of origin".

Chris Stringer, a researcher in anthropology at the Natural History Museum, says: "As the skeleton is increasingly important in research on variation in modern humans, the Australian material that we have is of continuing scientific importance. If you're going to document global human variation, you have to have representatives of populations from all over the world.

"Having said that, it's an important issue and one that's very difficult to deal with. We are certainly as sympathetic as possible in cases where material is shown to be directly related to living people."

Gail McKenzie, from the museum's press office, says: "We are sensitive to the ethical issues, but unlike other institutions, the museum is prevented by the British Museum Act of 1963 from disposing of any of it 67 million human specimens. We support moves to change that."

For Mr Burnum's part, he says he is preparing to bring legal action against institutions holding Aboriginal remains. "I think that if I requested the loan of King George III's bones for display in Australia as a scientific souvenir, the British would be outraged. And with justification."

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Lynne Truss



■ It seems like a novel twist, on finding a rapist guilty, to order his victim to leave town

Attempting to look on the bright side, I do discern a tiny redeeming aspect to the now infamous "holiday for rape" case. When Judge John Prosser announced last Friday that a 15-year-old boy found guilty of rape should merely pay his schoolgirl victim £500, so that she could take a nice holiday, at least — *at least* — he did not dip a hand in his own pocket and offer her a fiver for a new lipstick as well. That's it. That's the redeeming thing. Oh, and he didn't actually pat her on the head, and tell her to run along. But otherwise, as a lesson in adding insult to injury the judge's decision was truly impeccable. When she comes to look back on Friday's events, I am sure this girl will one day spit tin-tacks at her decision to refuse the £500, that's all. Because with £500 she could have gone out and bought herself a gun.

It seems like a novel twist, on finding a rapist guilty, to order his victim to leave town. But on the other hand, people don't like victims very much, especially victims of rape. Their clamour for justice is regarded as uppity and vindictive and tiresome. Telling this girl that she needs a holiday, even with the most kindly intentions, must surely strike a chord with all powerless, enraged people everywhere, because it is well-established code for "You are getting on my nerves", and "You are getting things out of proportion".

Usually, it has nothing to do with the real or assumed benefits a holiday might bestow; but is just an easy blocking move, designed to keep people in their place. "This office is mismanaged from top to bottom!" complains the conscientious assistant. "We need a new system, and I've drawn one up!" The boss considers this, purses his lips and folds his arms. "Sounds like you need a holiday, Janice," he declares.

Rape gets trivialised enough, without this. From now on, when women accuse their attackers (and nobody wants to believe them) the hidden suspicion will presumably be that they are angling for a free fortnight in the Algarve. Up to now, there was just the idea that they subjected themselves to the ordeal of a courtroom appearance because there was something very serious at stake: that a violent criminal act should be judged and punished. For this to get mixed up in the mind's eye with swimming pools and exotic drinks does no good to anyone. Much has already been said about the assumption, in last Friday's decision, that an act of rape is the sort of minor thing that slips from your memory the moment you pick up your boarding pass, and it is quite right: the insult is not only to the person's distress ("Take a holiday; you'll soon get over it"), it is also so demeaning to the seriousness of the crime that it makes you want to hurl gavels.

If I am ranting, I apologize. But I go over and over it: why did the judge specify a holiday for this girl? Partly, perhaps, to distract attention from the paltriness of the compensation sum (how far was the £500 supposed to take her, anyway? And was she to travel alone?). Partly, also, because she probably *does* need a holiday, and since the court was playing God at the time (having voluntarily relinquished any commitment to earthly retribution), it felt like dispensing sun and sea. But I have a miserable suspicion that the main reason was this: that the girl is only 15 years old, and is therefore not regarded as an aggrieved person deserving justice and redress, but as a child to be distracted with a treat. Give that girl an ice-cream. Teach her "Viva Espagna". Perhaps she'll meet a nice boy at a disco. It makes me think of sexually abused children bought off with candyfloss; not just condescending, but obscene.

Of course, those ill winds always blow somebody good. The young rapist was spared the horrors of the detention centre, so actually someone came out of it quite well. Oh good. Happy, happy day. The judge decided that this boy's life *matters* — a thought which makes you feel all warm inside (though unfortunately for the wrong reason). Meanwhile the victim has been made to feel that she doesn't matter in the slightest; that her suffering is nugatory, her rights unimportant. All of which makes the rest of *her* life slightly more problematical. It can be very little consolation to her to know that, if anyone needs a holiday, it's the judge.



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The art of friendship

Sidney Bernstein, some 30 years my senior, towers over my life — not with a shadow but with a triumphal arch

Bernard Levin

There are very many ways in which a profound, intimate and lifelong friendship can come into being, but I think I can produce a rather novel one: the friend in question, Sidney Bernstein, who died last week, had threatened to sue me for libel. The details are hazy in my mind, though I recall that I was then the television critic of the *Manchester Guardian*, and he was the head of the newly-formed Granada TV. I think I implied that he had somehow interfered in the programming; on looking again at what I had written, I felt that, writs or no writs, I had maligned him, so I wrote to say so, and promised a retraction.

As soon as he got my letter, he rang me and said "No, no, forget all that nonsense — just come and see me," and I did; I realised at once that this was no ordinary tycoon, when, instead of sitting down behind his desk and directing me to one of the two armchairs, he gestured to me to make the choice, and then took the other; a trivial thing, no doubt, but significant. A few minutes after we began to talk, the phone rang, and he picked it up: "Excuse me," he said, and turned back to the phone, where he proceeded to talk for five minutes, quite unconcerned at the presence of a stranger, in the most extravagantly absurd baby-gibberish. When he finished, still unconcerned, he explained that he had been talking to his then two-year-old son.

He proceeded to offer his traducer a job in Granada TV, and a well-paid one at that. I did not take it; his parting words were to the effect that if I ever changed my mind there would be a place for me. A few weeks later, I was dining on my own at one of my favourite restaurants (a habit of mine in those days when I wanted a good meal and no conversation), when Sidney and his wife, Sandra, came in from the theatre. I had only just started, but his tact was faultless; only towards the end of the meal did he come over to my table (not, you note, a message brought by a waiter): would I join them for coffee? I did; they then invited me back to their flat for a nightcap. (Entering the drawing-room, I was struck silent by a magnificent Modigliani and a tiny Klee; they had a fine, eclectic collection.)

The evening ended with an invitation to a weekend at their home in Sussex; I went, and was royally entertained. We were near the end of the year, and with more quiet tact they asked whether I had plans for Christmas, and if not, whether I might wish to spend the holiday with them. I had had no plans, and did so. On the evening of Boxing day, Sidney broached a bottle of his finest champagne (his cellar was as rich as his art gallery) and announced that Sandra was pregnant; we drank to the new life. When the girl was born, they asked me to be her godfather; Jane is now in her thirties, and has two children of her own. *Eheu fugaces.*

The friendship ripened, became deeper, deeper still. Sidney's generosity was marvellous to behold; to partake of it was even more marvellous. Yet he was nothing like the Hearst cartoon-tycoon, scattering buckets of $100 bills just because he had an enormous number of them. The Bernstein gifts were chosen with love and care; I have never known people with such unerring, perfect taste in everything he and Sandra owned, indeed everything they touched. (Another bubble of memory floats to the surface; the delicacy and beauty with which Sandra wrapped a present was an art in itself.)

The way Sidney ordered his munificence was entirely characteristic of the man: his public benefactions were invariably in the name of Granada; his personal ones came with an iron seal on the recipients' lips. As in all he did, his helping hand was stretched out in the form in which it would be most useful, and he despised many of the larger charities for their amateurishness and waste.

His own charity took a variety of forms. He once hired a house on the sea for the summer; it was near his beloved brother's country house. There was a proposal for a large house in the vicinity to be converted into a convalescent home for people who had had breakdowns or other mental disturbances, and a pack of Nimbys had got up a petition against the use of the house for such a purpose. I was in Sidney's garden when the petitioners called on him to sign it, no doubt thinking that because Sidney was a millionaire he would join their wretched boycott. Without a single swearword, he chewed the mean-spirited visitors into shreds so small that they fled in disorder.

He had a vast range of interests, but one dominated his life: he was an architect *manqué*, and I believe would have made a great success if he had taken it up professionally. His knowledge of the subject (and, again, his taste) was not only wide; it was original. He had a house in Barbados, in which many of the happiest hours of my life were spent, the design and building of which he had supervised down to the finest detail.

Granada Television was his cherished offspring; he threw himself into it, and made himself intimately knowledgeable in every aspect. As in everything, not just television, he backed his people fiercely and unambiguously; once a man or woman was tested as trustworthy and capable, he or she knew that Sidney would fight to the end to defend his colleague — he did indeed think of them as colleagues rather than employees, and for him the word "friend" was practically a religion.

He could rise very high indeed in integrity, even in the most recondite form: when Granada's licence came up for renewal, he was to be questioned by the board, the members of which had the power to decide whether Granada could go on for another five years. They questioned him, and agreed that Granada could indeed continue under his aegis. On the steps of the building he drew a sheet of paper from his pocket and read out an announcement to the effect that Granada was to go on, thanking the board for having trusted Granada to continue with its remit, and promising more good programmes. What the board did not know, and what nobody but I and a few other trusted friends knew, was that Sidney had another sheet of paper in the other pocket, just in case, on which he had written that he was sorry that Granada had lost the franchise, but that he had had great pleasure and happiness in it, and warmly hoped that his successors in running the station would be as happy and proud of it as he had been.

His friendships were many, and very varied indeed. The greatest sin in his decalogue was the betrayal of friendship; again, I was present once when he discovered that that crime had been committed. His response was exactly what I thought it would be (by then I knew him very well). There was no condemnation, let alone thoughts of revenge; the only emotion to touch him was sorrow for the sinner.

He was a huge man, and hugely he loved life. Music meant little to him, but the theatre much; he and I often saw a play together and then dined; I loved the relish with which he chose his meal and ate it. In trifling matters he was the most inquisitive man alive; I told him that if I wanted to conjure him up it always took the form of him beckoning a waiter, pointing to another table, and saying "What are those green things they are having?"

I was made a full member of the Bernstein family, *honoris causa*, which reminds me of another of Sidney's qualities. Both Sandra and Sidney had been married before; Sidney's first marriage was childless, but Sandra had a child from her previous marriage. But from the day he proposed to Sandra, the word "stepdaughter" was banished from their home as though it was an obscenity; Charlotte was invariably their *daughter*, to be in every way equal to the children who came after.

As I have said many times, and shall say many times again, I have been fortunate above most of mankind in my friends. This man, some 30 years my senior, towers over my life — not with a shadow, but with a triumphal arch. His friendships were absolute and lifelong, and the one he stretched out to me has enriched my life and will continue to enrich it till my own death. And his friendship was unfailing; when once he heard from a roundabout source that I was troubled and despairing, he telephoned me, and when I answered he said simply "Friends are for good times and for bad times; you know where we live," and rang off.

He was made of the finest and longest-lasting qualities: a fierce integrity, a gentle kindness, a deep understanding, a limitless courage, a ready laughter and a voracious appetite for life. I have known, and loved, no greater man.

A bulwark against federalism

Woodrow Wyatt on the Queen and national identity

Recently in Paris at functions connected with the famous Prix D'Amerique trotting race I was an object of embarrassed pity. Not because the first prize is nearly three times more than for the Epsom Derby, but over our virulent attacks on our monarchy. With their strong sense of history, the French are conscious of their inextricable links with us.

For centuries after the Norman conquest Britain, including Wales and the Scottish kings, was in reality either a part of France or the other way round, according to taste. Our kings were sometimes theirs and the greater part of France was long ruled from Westminster. Yearly the Queen still gives her consent to Acts of Parliament with the words "*La reine le veult*". For the French, despite our squabbles, the British Crown is almost a family affair. Their own constitutional experience has been unhappy since Louis XVI was replaced by a bloody dictatorship and executed. Soon Napoleon established a royal dictatorship. After Waterloo the unsatisfactory Bourbons returned and disappeared in 1848. Then Napoleon II had a go but vanished in 1870.

No wonder the French wish their history had been similar to ours. They admire the stability of the British monarchy under which, since Charles II, democracy has steadily advanced and remains the ultimate guarantor of our freedoms. The French feel the monarchy is our greatest glory, giving Britain a power, standing and respect far above material substance. With its splendour and ceremonial, it is unique in the world. Drastically to reduce its status would signal that Britain has lost its pride, belief in its future and is in irreversible economic decline.

The French are appalled that the Queen has been forced by strident newspapers to pay income tax. So am I. Unlike her subjects, hers will be the only tax returns which are not confidential. Why only the rumoured £2 million in income tax? What about capital gains, taxable benefits from the use of official residences, the royal flight, yacht and train? Will there be an inheritance tax? Will the Queen's will be published?

Many in the press who revel in insulting the Queen claim it is in the cause of cutting her down to what they imagine to be the simple, bicycling style of the Queen of Holland (in fact she is the richest woman in the world). Yet often the same people are violently anti-foreigner, anti the EC, and anti-Maastricht. Diminishing the majesty of the Queen, and it is the majesty, would remove the most potent single bulwark against a European political federal union. There simply cannot be one while the Queen demonstrates our uncrushable national identity in all her magnificence. If we let that be tarnished, we tarnish ourselves. Nor would our EC partners have it otherwise. They write idealistic nonsense about federalism then forget it, knowing it will never happen. Toppling the Queen would scare them badly into the belief that it might.

The French laugh at the notion that the institution of monarchy could be affected by the sexual immorality of some of the Queen's family. Priests and bishops may err likewise, but cannot vitiate the essential doctrine. Yesterday's *Daily Telegraph* Gallup poll prefaced questions to the 989 interviewed with the tendentious proposition that the monarchy costs £64 million a year; a figure which can only be arrived at by assuming nearly all the expenditure on the royal family's official duties are unnecessary. Nevertheless, only 9 per cent thought the monarchy should be abolished. The Queen was recognised as doing a good job, by 87 per cent. That the media intrude far too much into the private lives of the royal family was agreed by 77 per cent. Despite the machinations of the abusive anti-royals, though the monarchy will have a bumpy ride for a while, it looks secure for the next century or so.

Keepers of art

NO WONDER the Treasury seems to have gone cool on the proposal to sell off the 100-year-old government art collection. Treasury ministers would be among the worst hit by the proposal. No 11 Downing Street and the treasury offices in Whitehall boast at least 300 works of art from the 15,000-strong collection.

"Imagine the redecorating bill to fill in all the blank spaces on the walls," said one Treasury aide. Norman Lamont, who has 150 paintings in his London residence, would have to say farewell to originals by Sickert, Gore and Sir Anthony Caro.

Michael Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who proposed the sell-off plan, was reluctant to discuss what was on the walls of his office. "Ask the government art collection," a spokesman said.

The national heritage department, which administers the collection, was much more co-operative. Within two hours it had provided a comprehensive list of the 300 plus paintings, sculptures and tapestries which grace the Lamont empire. "But you will have to ask the Treasury who has what," said a spokesman.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, doesn't mind who knows what is in his office. He has two paintings by John Piper and one by Frank Auerbach. His deputy, Robert Key, has a Cecil Beaton photograph of Benjamin Britten.

John Maples, who was economic secretary to the Treasury until the last election, says: "I wouldn't have minded too much if they'd sold my pictures. I had an enormous Constable. But as it was more than six foot high it was easy to work out it was a fake. The prime minister, Chancellor and foreign secretary have some lovely pictures, which is only right."

Small oversight

A NEW fact sheet prepared by London's Ritz Hotel informs guests that the most unusual items their predecessors have left behind include black pearls, a diamond watch and a Mercedes. But their forgetfulness does not stop there.

Terry Holmes, managing director, recounts: "I remember when a fairly wealthy American family was staying in the hotel. When it was time to leave they packed up several limousines outside the hotel and drove off with all their retinue including a nanny. Imagine our surprise when we discovered they'd left their baby behind."

DIARY

● *There's political correctness and there's political correctness, as the Labour party is discovering. At the weekend conference on local government, Tony Clarke, known correctly as the party's chair, had to be reprimanded, with a note, about having used the term "chairman". Keen to make amends, he turned to his audience with a flourish: "Comrades," he began. One step forward, two steps . . .*



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Sick of sex

STILL haunted by the trauma of moving from the afternoon to the morning, *Woman's Hour* is being threatened anew. Rewind Productions, an independent production house, is putting together its own woman's programme as a direct competitor to the Radio 4 show.

It is planned that the programme will be aired on 17 independent local radio stations. According to one source, the programme will be aimed at 18 to 32-year-olds and will include "far more fashion and beauty than *Woman's Hour* and far more direct access to sex and relationships. The problem with *Woman's Hour* is that it is BBC types talking to BBC types. It has no basis in what most people are actually interested in."

Sally Feldman, *Woman's Hour*'s joint editor, says she "would welcome a few exciting rivals, and they are welcome to concentrate on sex. We are sick of sex and are not a sexy programme. Where else do you get Salman Rushdie talking about his son and Michael Caine talking about his mum? Or interesting things like cooking." And sex and relationships?

Clubs not hits

WHILE John Smith embarks on yet another attempt to modernise the Labour party, his trade union sponsor, the GMB, is planning a final assault on that other bastion of not-so-democratic socialism, the working man's club.

Three years ago at the Club and Institute Union conference, the GMB appeared to have won its battle to compel these clubs to enrol women. But success was short-lived. Half the 3,500 clubs have ignored the edict.

But even if the GMB succeeds with a fresh challenge in April, few of Labour's leading ladies will be first in the queue. Barbara Follett, founder of Emily's List UK, a new organisation devoted to campaigning for more women MPs, admitted she would be an uneasy convert. " "While I say yes, the rule must change, I would say no to joining. I cannot see many of my women friends wanting to join a smoke-filled working men's club," she says. "In the same way most women would not want to join the Garrick Club." Marjorie Mowlam, the shadow minister for women, is equally unlikely to sign up. "I am in favour of women being allowed to join . . . even if they don't want to."





Sackville-West and Nicolson: a rare double plaque

Pax on blue plaques

GOOD news, for a change, from English Heritage: London's famous blue plaques have emerged secure from the rigours of Jocelyn Stevens's cost-cutting exercise. The £10,000 budget for the 12 ceramic memorials that go up each year is safe.

No one is more pleased than Victor Belcher, head of the survey and general branch of English Heritage's London branch. In his office, waiting to go up, are plaques to Evelyn Waugh; the "philanthropist and toolmaker" W.F.R. Stanley; Winnie the Pooh's illustrator E.H. Shepard; the rock musician Jimi Hendrix; and a rare double memorial to Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West. Their plaque will adorn 182 Ebury Street, next door to another commemorating Mozart, who stayed there while composing a symphony.

About 50 applications are received each year. Belcher says, "of which 30 or 40 are genuine suggestions".

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LABOUR AND OWNERSHIP

Abolition of Clause 4 would be proof of the party's new intent

John Smith, cajoled almost beyond endurance, has finally broken into a lumbering trot. Irritated by criticism that he was failing to address his party's unelectability, the Labour leader delivered a speech on Sunday setting out his ideas for a more politically attractive approach. And in today's interview with *The Times* he expands on his vision of a more democratic Britain with better "life-chances" for its citizens. Mr Smith uses the words "practical", "pragmatic" and "common sense" almost as often as John Major referred to "Britain" and "British" at the Tory party conference. The Labour leader clearly recognises that his party *remains* tarnished by its ideological excesses of the early 1980s — and is determined to put matters right.

Mr Smith approaches the issue from a peculiarly Scottish point of view. Ten years ago, when the "loony left" reigned in London and Liverpool, he and many other Scottish Labour party members held a particular resentment for what they saw as an English, metropolitan strain of political mad-ness. North of the border, Labour is the establishment party and many sensible people like Mr Smith join it without hesitation.

The Labour leader has tried to use this pragmatism to good effect over what he calls the "largely sterile" debate over the ownership of industry and services. Labour is still committed in Clause 4 of its constitution "to secure for the producers by hand or by brain the full fruits of their industry and the most equitable distribution thereof that may be possible upon the basis of the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange".

Mr Smith has no stomach for a fight within the party to strike out such notions. Even though they were adopted in 1918 and influenced by Marx's theories of labour and capital, even though they were designed for a world in which workers had no capital at all and very few employment rights, the Clause 4 ideals will remain in the Labour list of aims.

That is a mistake. Now wealth has percolated to the majority of British people. Most either own a house or can expect to inherit one. Many have savings or pension rights. Employment protection is advanced. Common ownership was only ever a means to this state of affairs, not an end in itself. The mistake that the Labour party made for more than 70 years was to muddle the two.

Whether government ensures that telephone boxes remain on the Isle of Skye by regulating British Telecom or by public ownership makes no difference to the islanders. What is important is to preserve their access to a public telephone. If Mr Smith wants Labour to shake off its image of being unrealistically ideological and stuck in the past he must tackle Clause 4 itself.

Mr Smith says that he is not prepared to engage in the "theological" argument that the abolition or replacement of Clause 4 would entail. Unlike Neil Kirinock, the current Labour leader does not much like intra-party battles. He would be unwise, though, to ignore the example of his predecessor, who proved that today's Labour party is remarkably amenable to reform provided it is led energetically from the top.

For without a new statement of the party's aims, how is policy to be revised? No revolution, however practical, can take place in an ideological vacuum. It is not enough for senior Labour figures to make the odd speech about how they see the party. They need a framework of basic principles against which they can judge their new policy ideas. Most important, the electorate needs proof that Labour really has changed. Clause 4 may not, as Mr Smith points out, be a problem on the doorsteps, but its replacement would be a clear symbol that Labour has at last embraced common sense.

BURMA ON THE RACK

The West has a chance to turn the screw on a bankrupt regime

Burma's brutal and illegal military regime is attempting to lessen its international isolation. The SLORC, the risibly misnamed State Law and Order Restoration Council, has made only token gestures towards cleaning up the image it earned by massacring thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators in 1988. The release of a few prisoners, partial relaxation of martial law, a lower military profile on the streets and its new game of charades with "genuine party democracy" do not begin to mask its continued and systematic abuses of elementary human rights. These, symbolised by the continued detention without charge of Burma's Nobel peace prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi, have driven perhaps a million people from their homes and made the entire impoverished country a prisoner to fear.

The regime's gestures towards liberalisation are miserable. But they are still potentially important. This is a regime that has made a virtue of isolation ever since General Ne Win seized power in 1962 and set his once prosperous land on the downhill "Burmese way to socialism". Some scope may at last exist for the outside world to exercise leverage for democratic change.

The junta's motives are straightforward: it is near bankruptcy, and needs trade, aid and investment. Hence the easing of some economic controls and its eager courting of Chinese trade, military hardware and diplomatic support. Hence the drive to promote the tourism it has shunned for decades. Hence the partial opening of its doors to foreign journalists, which has enabled *The Times* to run its current series of reports from this most secretive of states.

Burma's military leaders are not subtle men. In 1990, they permitted elections that they were confident they would win, declared them to be free and fair before counting the votes and then shamelessly annulled the result when they discovered that Daw Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) had won more than 80 per cent of the seats. They now appear to think that they have crushed the opposition so effectively — some 120 opposition MPs have either died since 1990 or have fled, been forced to resign or are incarcerated — that they can safely reopen negotiations allegedly leading to "genuine party democracy".

The SLORC points to the drafting of a new constitution as evidence of general political evolution. This is bogus. Burma's leaders have said bluntly that the army will dominate any civilian government. The regime is meanwhile using this charade to head off international demands for the release of Daw Suu Kyi. The SLORC now maintains that this must wait on the formation of a new government, which in turn must wait on the new constitution: in other words, indefinitely.

Burma's Southeast Asian neighbours, whether because of unease about their own human rights records or through fear of China's growing influence in Burma, have urged quiet diplomacy on the West while trading lucratively with the Rangoon military. The West should, with Japan, consider ways to tighten the screws. China would be embarrassed if it found itself alone in vetoing a UN arms embargo: that should be put in place. Burma should be told that loans from multilateral institutions will remain blocked. Thailand, which is cutting Burma's forests, should be warned that it will find no world market for Burmese teak. For Burma there are only two routes out of isolation. It must release Daw Suu Kyi; and it must honour the results of the 1990 elections.

THE LESSONS OF ABUSE

Residential childcare needs to become more professional

Half a century after the Curtis Committee revealed the deplorable shortcomings of children's residential institutions, yesterday's report by Andrew Kirkwood QC tells a depressingly familiar tale. The enquiry into the case of Frank Beck, the Leicestershire care worker who abused 200 children physically and sexually over 14 years, is the ninth such investigation since 1985 to identify serious flaws in the system of residential care. Piecemeal change will no longer do.

Beck, who is now serving five life sentences, headed three children's homes despite a series of police investigations into allegations of abuse. According to Mr Kirkwood's report, Leicestershire officials betrayed "astonishing" naivety in their dealings with Beck. Where professionalism was most needed, amateurism was most evident.

More than half of all children in care are now fostered outside institutions, a proportion which is expected to grow. Those left in residential care will increasingly be the most disturbed, disruptive and unloved. This makes reform all the more urgent.

The Beck case has already forced change on those who monitor child care. The health department inspectorate is under review, as are local inspection services. The Children Act has formalised the requirement for independent inspection and entrenched a complaints procedure which should rescue many more children from silent suffering. Chief police officers should also heed yesterday's separate report by West Mercia police, which recommends special training for officers dealing with abuse cases and better local liaison between police and social services departments.

But quality control mechanisms will be meaningless without a transformation of the profession which provided Beck with a grotesque niche. Becoming a careworker should be both harder and more rewarding. Eighty per cent of employees in children's homes have no professional qualification. A compulsory diploma in residential child care, taking into account experience as well as formal training, is an essential first step.

Beyond this, the Kirkwood report must pave the way for structural change. Local authority control of children's residential care appears to be virtually irredeemable. Ministers should now consider withdrawing homes from council management and handing them over to local governing bodies, which should include distinguished lay members as well as town hall, police and staff representatives.

Local authorities would remain responsible for placement of children in care. But each grant-maintained home would be free to hire and fire, investigate complaints, and develop its own character. A properly constituted governing body could tap the local support and expertise that these bleak institutions need. Like the children in its custody, the system itself needs a new kind of care.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Three-point policy for recovery

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for South Worcestershire (Conservative)

Sir, The present economic and political problems facing the government stem almost exclusively from the contraction by some 4 per cent of the British economy over the last three years. This performance goes most of the way to explaining both the rising levels of unemployment and the growing budgetary deficit.

There are three complementary solutions to the problems: a further reduction in the level of real interest rates; the acceptance of rates of exchange for sterling which are genuinely reflective of British unit costs relative to those of other countries; and low rates of taxation.

So long as we stay out of the ERM — admittedly difficult if we ratify the Maastricht treaty — we now have in place the makings of a policy which encompasses the first two objectives.

What will be hard to maintain is a low rate of taxation, because of the rising budget deficit. If the latter were to be fully funded it would be likely to require a sale of gilts next year of £1 billion every week. This would put enormous pressure on the financial markets and could itself push interest rates upwards.

Another solution — a massive cut in public spending — however desirable in the long run, is on past precedent likely to prove impossible to achieve quickly, especially as so much of spending now goes into funding unemployment and other benefits that are themselves generated by the recession.

The answer in the short term must be to under-fund the deficit and to further increase the supply of money.

Whatever is done by way of releasing the money supply and reducing interest rates will take time to affect the rate of business investment and unemployment. The "lags" may be as long as two years. That is why I and others were calling for lower interest rates over two years ago. It is why no doubt we may well in the future start calling for tighter money if a mixture of political panic and falling German interest rates were to result in an overreaction, leading to inflation in a year or so.

What is needed is for British monetary policy to reflect the genuine needs of the British economy, allowing for the lags. What is not required is what we have had in the recent past: a British monetary policy which, because of misplaced aspirations for European political union, reflected the needs of other economies, notably that of Germany.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SPICER,
House of Commons.
February 8.

Lloyd George 'slur'

From Dr W. R. P. George

Sir, The dead may feel no wrong, but their close surviving relatives certainly do when they are the victims of posthumous and non-actionable defamation. On January 29, under the heading "Denizens of Downing Street", Mr Matthew d'Ancona recalls that in 1909 my late uncle, David Lloyd George, then Chancellor, successfully sued *The People* for £1,000, after the newspaper had accused him of having an affair with a married woman. He also recalls that Lloyd George's eldest son, Richard, later stated that the allegations had been true but that his father had persuaded his wife, Margaret, who was mortally hurt by his infidelities, to commit perjury in his defence.

May I correct the record. Richard was born in February 1889 and his father's alleged affair with the married woman occurred in 1896, when Richard was seven. This affair was the subject of High Court proceedings both in 1897, when David Lloyd George was cited as co-respondent in divorce proceedings, and again in 1909, when he sued *The People* for libel over the same allegation.

In both proceedings my uncle was cleared of the adultery allegations. Dame Margaret did not enter the witness box on either occasion. To recall these untrue allegations casts an unsubstantiated slur on both parties.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. P. GEORGE,
William George & Son (Solicitors),
103 High Street,
Porthmadog, Gwynedd.

Workfare: burden or benefit?

From Mr Andrew Rowe, MP for Mid Kent (Conservative)

Sir, The prime minister has called for a debate on workfare and related subjects. May I suggest two possible avenues for progress?

First, there is a small but significant number of people who are finding fulfilment either in study or in voluntary work while they are unemployed; under current rules they can easily find themselves ineligible for unemployment benefit because they are strictly "not available for work". I suggest that such people should be allowed to negotiate with their local office, to take themselves out of the labour market without penalty while they are so engaged.

Second, I believe that among the unemployed are many who would prefer to do something "to keep their hand in" than nothing at all; among them will be people with considerable experience of team working. I propose that suitable people of this kind should be enabled to work on designing and executing projects to reduce vandalism and to make our streets and estates safer, pleasanter places to live in.

Compulsory workfare schemes should be tried only if and when the many who want to make a contribution in return for benefit have all been enabled to do so.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW ROWE,
House of Commons.
February 5.

From the President of the British Psychological Society

Sir, John Major is quoted as saying: "My concern is to make sure wherever possible that we keep unemployed people in touch with the world of work." Psychological research demonstrates that most unemployed people are highly committed to work. Indeed, the more committed to paid work they are, the more severe are the mental health costs to them. Research on schemes that have preceded workfare has shown that such schemes can be as detrimental to mental health as unemployment.

Moreover, psychologists believe that mental health consequences of unemployment are due in great measure to the poverty people experience, which workfare does not even begin to address.

Yours faithfully,
ED MILLER,
President,
The British Psychological Society,
St Andrews House,
48 Princess Road East, Leicester.
February 5.

From Mrs Kristin E. Shay

Sir, If unemployment is — to quote William Rees-Mogg ("Desperation on the dole", February 4) — "a destructive social disorder, invading millions of individual lives, destroying security, breaking families, creating fear, annihilating hope", I fail to see how workfare, with its element of compulsion and its offer of jobs that, presumably, nobody else wants to do, can restore morale to the unemployed or be of benefit to a civilised society which believes in freedom of choice.

If there is no choice because of the economic reality of recession then the government must come right out and say so, rather than hide behind high-minded phrases.

Yours faithfully,
KRISTIN E. SHAY,
45 Gunterstone Road, W14.
February 5.

From Mr N. J. Rosewarne

Sir, So I must now work to earn my unemployment benefit? Having paid full national insurance deductions during 25 years in a once-thriving industry, I was under the impression that I had already done so.

Yours, in anger,
N. J. ROSEWARNE,
231 The Mount, Holmes Avenue,
Hove, East Sussex.
February 4.

Helicopter patients

From Mr Adrian Lucas

Sir, It is good to see a debate in your columns (letters, January 20 and 26) on the use of helicopters to take emergency cases to hospital. I share Mr M. J. Fairey's view (January 26) that emergency patients should be taken to the nearest appropriate hospital which has an available accident and emergency department.

Whilst the development of trauma centres may change this, the step will be taken only when systems for assessing such patients by ambulance paramedics and technicians have been evaluated and completed.

Undoubtedly, helicopter ambulances have proved their worth time and again in rural areas and, in doing so, saved many lives. However, I wish greater consideration was given to their use, especially in view of the huge financial resources they consume, in an effort to ensure that this is the best available means of providing trauma victims with care and that the helicopters are not there just to fulfil the aviation ambitions of the medical staff who insist on their use.

Yours faithfully,
A. LUCAS
(General Manager),
Greater Manchester Ambulance Service,
Bury Old Road,
Whitefield, Greater Manchester.

Damaging debt

From Mr Alan Duncan, MP for Rutland and Melton (Conservative)

Sir, In your qualified endorsement of Mr Major's Carlton Club lecture ("Ill at ease", February 5) you state that "... the rapid extension of home ownership distorted the housing market and exaggerated the natural cycles in the economy". This is dangerously revisionist. Although connected with the growth of home ownership, it was surely the rapid expansion of debt which did the damage, and in fields other than housing as well, and it is to debt rather than to ownership that you should invite your readers to direct their thinking.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN DUNCAN,
House of Commons.

A future for coal

From Mr George R. J. Guise

Sir, The farce that has been playing in Westminster and beyond since October should have convinced every thinking politician, businessman and miner that the sooner the coal industry is privatised the better.

It demonstrates the constitutional absurdity of government as owner of an industrial enterprise.

The owner's role of maximising profitability and the state's wider mandate have seldom been so clearly drawn. The resultant policy vacuum leaves the British Coal management with neither mandate nor directive. It should therefore be no surprise that it has publicly emerged at loggerheads with government.

We should be much more concerned about the terrible long-term damage to the nation's competitive advantage which always results from the misdirection of taxpayers' money into subsidy.

There is no instance in British history where government subsidy has helped any industry or its employees in the long term.

Quite the reverse. Government funding is like heroin in the hands of the recipient. Our indigenous electronics and motor industries, which have gorged state funds since the war, are gone, while our chemical industry thrives.

Since 1979 government has been resolute in transferring most state-owned industries to private owners. In most cases these industries have flourished. It will be a disaster for our coal industry if it misses the privatisation process and is left to wither on the vine of state ownership.

There may be periodical handouts from taxpayers whenever politicians are embarrassed, but there will be no coal policy, no effective management, and certainly no security for miners' jobs until the dead hand of state ownership is cut off.

The longer this is delayed the less of the industry will be left for competent people to operate after the Department of Trade and Industry lets go.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE GUISE
(Member, Prime Minister's Policy Unit, 1986-90),
90 Long Acre, WC2.
February 4.

Anxieties of age

From Mrs P. Vernon

Sir, I am dismayed to see a letter from the senior partner of a firm of solicitors (Mr L. A. Charlier, January 28) making a misleading statement about disposing of capital in order to receive social security benefits. The Income Support Regulations of 1987 state unequivocally [reg 51(1)]: "*Notional capital.* A claimant shall be treated as possessing capital of which he has deprived himself for the purpose of securing entitlement to income support." Mr Charlier's client is therefore likely to find herself destitute but not entitled to benefit.

The legal position is clear. The moral of the tale appears to be: if you want advice on social security benefits, go to the Citizens' Advice Bureau, not a lawyer.

Yours faithfully,
PHYLLIS VERNON,
The Old School, Willand,
Cullompton, Devon.

From Dr A. J. Poole

Sir, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has ordered a survey of the prevalence of misery, anxiety and neurosis in British people (report, January 30). Undoubtedly the study will be expensive. Would it be unreasonable to suggest that precious national resources be directed to help sufferers of precisely defined mental disorders like dementia as a more immediate priority?

Your faithfully,
ALAN POOLE
(Chairman, South Western Region, Alzheimer's Disease Society),
Hetling House, 2 Hetling Court,
Bath, Avon.
February 3.

From Mr Martin Sweet

Sir, My father, owing to the onset of dementia, had to move about two years ago into a nursing home. Because of his savings he is paying a lot more than the residents who are on state benefit, but getting the same level of care.

My father was an ordinary but thrifty person who saved to provide a legacy for his children. Should he be penalised by having to pay, at a higher rate, for care that is freely available to others?

As a taxpayer I contribute to the NHS, as did my father before he retired.

Shouldn't the NHS be freely available to care for this kind of illness in people's old age, unless they choose to opt out and pay for an alternative?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN SWEET,
16 Havant Road,
Emsworth, Hampshire.
January 28.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Tangled law on Church and State

From Mr R. R. Feilden

Sir, Singularly lacking from the current debate on the disestablishment of the Church of England is any clear idea as to how this might be brought about.

Presumably, legislation would be necessary. This immediately raises the question of who would initiate the process. *Pace* Mr Tony Benn, a private member's bill would seem a most unlikely vehicle: such parliamentary initiative must therefore be the government's.

There would seem to be formidable obstacles. First, one or other of the two main parties would have to include the proposal in its election manifesto. Secondly, in that unlikely event, the winner of the electoral mandate would be faced with tabling legislation of immense complexity.

Those who would refute this analysis should study Appendix A of the 1970 Chadwick report on Church and State, which sets out the extent of the law "applicable to and peculiar to" the Church of England. I became aware of the intricacy of this as chairman of the General Synod's revision committee on the 1974 Worship and Doctrine Measure, which involved the repeal or amendment of nearly 20 pieces of legislation dating back to 1548; and later, as chairman of a similar committee dealing with reform of the patronage system, I found myself wrestling with property rights dating back to medieval times.

In default of Parliament handling this hot potato, it would be left to the General Synod. Either way, the prospect would be daunting.

Yours faithfully,
R. R. FEILDEN,
Chartridge, West Street,
Mayfield, East Sussex.
February 1.

Mental illness and pills

From the Director of the Mental Health Foundation

Sir, The Mental Health Foundation supports the views of Mrs Rich (letter, January 28). She is right to ask if scientists are working to improve drugs used in the treatment of schizophrenics, and to stress that we still have much to learn about mental illness. Schizophrenia affects 250,000 young adults. It is one of the most serious and common forms of mental illness and yet it is notoriously underfunded.

Research into causes and a possible cure must be a serious priority alongside providing adequate resources for care in the community. People like Mrs Rich's son do not want to be looked after for the rest of their lives. They want to be well.

Yours faithfully,
JUNE McKERROW,
Director,
The Mental Health Foundation,
8 Hallam Street, W1.

RSPCA advertisement

From the Director of Public Relations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Sir, We understand that the Advertising Standards Authority ban on our advertisement showing a horse on a meat hook ("Not fit to be seen in public", February 3), was internally generated, and we believe the authority had received no complaints from the public before its intervention. Also, the advertising significantly increased awareness of the awfulness of live transport, and market research showed that 95 per cent of respondents approved of it.

This seems to suggest the public does not feel it is being "bludgeoned".

Yours faithfully,
JERRY LLOYD,
Director of Public Relations,
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.

The work ethic

From Dr Raphael Eban

Sir, Mr Ronald Ungar (letter, February 1) suggests statutory bans on overtime and "moonlighting" to reduce unemployment. They would merely create a large, vindictive bureaucracy and a larger grey ("unofficial") economy. As for retirement, he can stop when he wants; I have had three retirements and propose to go on working while I am able and can find paid employment. I see no social or economic costs, only benefits to myself and the community.

Yours faithfully,
RAPHAEL EBAN,
15 Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3.

Nuisance calls

From Mr Roddy Gye

Sir, Mr D. Morgan (letter, February 4) complains of the "nuisance" of passengers using mobile telephones, but many people, I suspect, would not object to such passengers chatting to companions. The difference is that with the telephone one can eavesdrop on only half the conversation.

Yours faithfully,
R. R. GYE,
GHA Ltd,
9 Dean Street, W1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 8: The Lady Elton has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

February 8: The Princess Royal this morning visited the Manchester 2000 Olympic Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins). Her Royal Highness afterwards attended a Seminar on the Manchester 2000 Olympic Bid, Exchange Quays, Salford.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 8: The Prince of Wales, President, the Fountain Society, this morning received Mrs Thelma Seear.

His Royal Highness afterwards gave a Luncheon for representatives of environmental and organic farming organisations.

YORK HOUSE
February 8: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Age Concern, this afternoon attended a lunch hosted by Tarmac plc at the Connaught Hotel, Carlos Place, London W1.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Dinners

The Association of Women Solicitors
Miss Geraldine Cotton, Chairman of the Association of Women Solicitors, was host at a Dinner held last night at the offices of Masons, Solicitors, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Association. Among those present were:
Mr Mark Sheldon, President of the Law Society; Miss Beryl Roper, President of the British Federation of University Women Graduates; Mrs Janet Cohen, Director, Charterhouse Bank; Mr John Bishop, Senior Partner, Masons.

Cardiff Business Club
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor D.R. Ormonde and the President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The Guest Speaker was Professor Gordon McVie, Cancer Research Campaign. Mr Colin Burbage, Chairman, Post Office Board Wales and the Marches, presided.

School news

St Christopher's School, Hampstead
The Governors of St Christopher's School, Hampstead, have appointed Mrs Fiona Cook, at present Head of Mathematics in the school, to succeed Miss Jean Anderson as Headmistress. Miss Anderson retires in July 1993 after twenty-eight years distinguished service to the school, the last twenty-one of them as its head.

Appointments

Mr J.G. Flynn to be ambassador to Venezuela in succession to Mr G.E. Fitzherbert who is retiring next month.

Richard Orbell Havery QC to be an Official Referee Circuit Judge, assigned to the south eastern circuit.

Mr David James to be National Director of the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as chancellor, will visit Cambridge University at 10.40; as Permanent Master of the Shipwrights' Company, will preside at a court meeting at Ironmongers' Hall at 6.40 to admit the Duke of York as a freeman of the company. Later they will attend a livery dinner.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Royal College of Music at 3.00.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the International Tree Foundation, will attend a tree planting ceremony in Green Park at 12.20 to mark the 40th anniversary of The Queen's accession to the throne; and will attend a luncheon with members of the American business community, given by the American Ambassador at Winfield House at 1.00. As president elect, he will attend a concert to mark the adoption of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother as President Emerita of the Royal College of Music at the college at 3.00; and will give a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 on behalf of the fund to acquire the Royal Commonwealth Society Library for the nation.

The Duke of York, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Staffordshire Regiment, will visit regimental headquarters and museum at Lichfield at 12.15; and will attend a book launch of *Rats Tales* at Guildhall, Lichfield, at 1.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the bureau extension, 10 Crown Street, Brentwood, at 10.00; as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison Chelmsford at 10.55; and will open the extended Citizens Advice Bureau premises, Civic Suite, Hockley Road, Rayleigh, at 1.10. As President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Cavendish Silks, Essex Designs, Unit 38, Grainger Industrial Estate, Southend-on-Sea, at 2.00; and, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will hold a reception for the launch of the John Arlott Memorial Trust at Buckingham Palace at 6.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will give a retirement dinner for Sir David Nicolson, pro-chancellor, and Mr Nigel Robson, treasurer, at Boodle's at 7.35.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, at 11.15.

Birthdays today

The Countess of Airlie, 60; Mr Norman Adams, painter and ceramic sculptor, 66; Mr Brian Bennett, Shadows' drummer, 53; Mr Ryland Davies, tenor, 50; Air Commandant B.M. Ducat-Amos, former director, RAF Nursing Service, 72; Miss Mia Farrow, actress, 48; Dr Garret FitzGerald, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 67; Mr Bernard Gallacher, golfer, 44; Dr George Guest, organist, 69; Mr Justice Johnson, 60; Mr Ben E. King, singer, 51; Mr Sandy Lyle, golfer, 35; Sir Donald Miller, former chairman, Scottish Power, 66; Dame Annette Penhaligon, 47; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, former comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 77; Mr Dean Rusk, former American Secretary of State, 84; Professor M.J.H. Sterling, vice-chancellor, Brunel University, 47; Miss Janet Suzman, actress, 54; Clive Swift, actor, 57; Mr Brian Wenham, former managing-director, BBC Radio, 56; Lord Williams of Elvel, 60.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House, St James's, on the occasion of the United Nations Meeting of Peace Keeping Forces in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

Newspaper Conference
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual luncheon of the Newspaper Conference held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr David Wallen, chairman, presided.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr John Ciaccia, Minister of International Affairs of the Government of the Province of Quebec, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Le Meridien. Mr Ronald Masleck, vice-president of the chamber, presided. The Canadian High Commissioner and the Agents-General for Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec attended.

University news

Cambridge
Corpus Christi College
Elected to an honorary fellowship (class G of statute 31): Robert Geoffrey Beldam.
Elected to a fellowship (class A of statute 31): Jonathan George Haslam.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Lord Slynn of Hadley was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Neville Mittelholzer presided.

Memorial service

Sir John Prideaux
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Prideaux will be held on Friday, March 12, at 11.00am in Southwark Cathedral.

SIMON WALKER



Dramatic moment: Sir Anthony Hopkins and the American actress Theresa Russell launching a season of new television drama from BBC Wales. Sir Anthony will play Gwyn Thomas, the Welsh writer and broadcaster, in Alan Plater's dramatisation of his autobiography, while Miss Russell will star as identical twins in Thicker than Water, a three-part thriller set in South Wales

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Henry Harrison, 9th American President 1841, Berkeley, Virginia, 1773; Edward Carson, 1st Baron Carson, lawyer and leader of the Irish Unionist Party, Dublin, 1854; Anthony Hope (pseudonym of Sir Anthony Hope Hopkins), novelist, London, 1863; Mrs Patrick Campbell, actress, London, 1865; Amy Lowell, poet and critic, Brookline, Massachuetts, 1874; Alban Berg, composer, Vienna, 1885; Jim Laker, cricketer, Bradford, 1922; Brendan Behan, writer, Dublin, 1923.

DEATHS: John Hooper, Bishop of Worcester, burnt at the stake, Gloucester, 1555; Benjamin Martin, mathematician, London, 1782: Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal 1765-1811, Greenwich, 1811; Henry Gally Knight, architect and writer, London, 1846: Fyodor Dostoyevsky, novelist, Leningrad, 1881; Johann Barthold Jongkind, painter, Côte-St-André, France, 1891; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, Wellington, New Zealand, 1938; Norman Douglas, essayist and novelist, Capri, 1952; Bill Haley, rock and roll singer, Harlingen, Texas, 1981; Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1982-84, Moscow, 1984.

The first recorded race meeting in England was held at Roodee Fields, Chester, 1540.

Lord Darnley, Consort of Mary Queen of Scots, was murdered in Edinburgh, 1567.

Aeroflot, the Russian state airline, was formed, 1923.

The British Government declared a state of emergency following a month long miners' strike, 1972.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L.H. Jones and Miss A.E. Crowther
The engagement is announced between Lionel Henry, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.N. Jones, of Lherm, France, and Alison Elizabeth, only daughter of the Rev D.N. and Mrs Crowther, of River, Dover.

Mr S.B. Morgan and Miss E-L.T.F. Oliver
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr C. Morgan, of Cross Ash, Gwent, and Mrs J. Morgan, of St Briavels, Gloucestershire, and Emma-Louise, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs J.P.J.D. Oliver, of Germany.

Mr A.W. Reid and Miss D.L. Hill
The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr John Reid, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Michael Lambert, of Colne Engaine, Essex, and Diana, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs A.G. Hill, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

Mr N.S. Ross and Miss S.H. Earle
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Ross, of Evesham, Worcestershire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Earle, of Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset.

Mr B.R. Sadler and Miss T.J.C. Stimson
The engagement is announced between Brent Roderick, only son of the late Mr Philip Sadler and of Mrs Ruth Sadler Greenwood, of West Timperley, Cheshire, and Theresa Josephine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Stimson, of Copthorne, West Sussex.

Mr B.J.K. Weatherall and Miss S.M. Johnston
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Captain and Mrs Anthony Weatherall, of Cowhill, Dumfries, and Silvy, youngest daughter, of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Johnston, of Shellingford House, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr L.A. Edwards and Mrs S. King
The engagement is announced between Tony Edwards, of Long Wittenham, Oxfordshire, and Sheena King, of Wincanton, Somerset.

Mr P.C. Lawford and Miss C.E. Gay
The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.J.C. Lawford, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Cynthia, only daughter of Dr and Mrs R.H. Gay Jr, of Houston, Texas.

Mr G.P. Malcolm and Miss S.M. Payan
The engagement is announced between George, younger son of Dr and Mrs N. Malcolm, of Weston-super-Mare, and Stephanie, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Payan, of Twickenham.

Marriages

Captain A.C.J. McCord and Miss C.A. Airey
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 6, at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, of Captain Andrew McCord, son of Brigadier and Mrs M.N.S. McCord, to Miss Caroline Airey, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Airey. The Rev A.J. Heagerty officiated and the address was given by the Rev Canon J.G.M.W. Murphy, LVO.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Emma O'Flynn, Katie McCord and Chloe and Lucy Hinton. Mr Dominic Reid was best man.

A reception was held at Staff College, Camberley, and the honeymoon is being spent in Antigua.

Mr S.D. Morgan and Miss H.L.H. Goble
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 6, 1993, at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Chelsea, of Mr Simon Morgan and Miss Harriet Goble.

A reception was held at the Hurlingham Club.

Latest wills

Sheila, **Countess of Birkenhead**, of Charlton, Banbury, Northamptonshire, the writer and book reviewer, Deputy Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, and widow of the 2nd Earl of Birkenhead, left estate valued at £2,259,523 net.

Mr William Derek **Hurlock**, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, former chairman and owner of AC Cars, left estate valued at £1,189,420 net.

Alice Maud **Walk**, of Camborne, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,512,695 net. She left her estate to her mother Edith Walk, or in the event of her earlier death to Dr Barnardo's.

Mr Peter George **Greenham**, of Charlton on Otmoor, Oxfordshire, the painter and keeper of the Royal Academy Schools 1964-85, left estate valued at £676,655 net.

Mr William Keith **Yeates**, Jesmond, Tyne and Wear, former urologist at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, and President of the British Association of Urological Surgeons 1980-2, left estate valued at £179,314 net.

Mr Oliver Frederick **Ford**, of Bewley Court, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1,815,169 net.
He left a number of bequests to personal legatees, and the residue to form the "Oliver Ford Foundation" for the preservation of Bewley Court, its contents and grounds, and to permit the public to have access and to educate them in the history and techniques of interior decoration, design of fabrics and other decorative materials and landscape gardening with particular reference to his own work, and to maintain Bewley Court as he left it.

Recent estates include (net, before tax paid):
Julie Teresa **Byrne**, of London W5 .... £699,394.
Mr Philip James **Castang**, of London N20 .... £1,027,054.
Elizabeth **Daniels**, of London NW4 .... £787,475.
Mr David Israel **Goldstone**, of Didsbury, Greater Manchester £585,192.
Mrs Christina Beatrice **Hawkes**, of Herne Bay, Kent .... £531,846.
Mr Cyril Alexander **Kidd**, of Beckenham, Kent .... £597,640.
Mr John Malcolm **Kirk**, of Northallerton, North Yorks .... £570,889.
Mr Allen Stanley **Knight**, of Camborne, Cornwall .... £626,097.
Mr James Frederick **Knowles**, of Milford Haven, Dyfed .... £709,724.
Mrs June Rita **Pearlman**, of Hull, Humberside .... £526,904.

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St.Matthew 26:55 (REB)

BIRTHS

BAINES - On 4th February, in Madrid, to Amanda (née Griffiths) and Jonathan, a son (Nicholas William Alejandro).

COLQUHOUN - On February 4th 1993 at the Wellington Hospital, London, to Katharine and Malcolm, a daughter.

EMPSON - On 2nd February 1993, to Sarah (née Symington) and Mick, a daughter, Poppy Susan.

EVANS - On January 28th, to Annabel (née Macdonald) and Clive, a daughter, Caitlin Mary, a sister for Benedict.

FORD - On February 5th to Liz (née Worgan) and Andrew, a son, William Peter Nicholas, a brother for Camilla.

FORSYTH - On January 30th, to Fenella (née Horne) and Anthony, a daughter, Annabel Victoria.

HUGHES - On February 6th, at the Wellington Hospital, to Chris and Betsi, a daughter, Ella Grace.

HUNTRODS - On February 6th, to Ali (née Butcher) and Guy, a daughter, Olivia Victoria Jean, a sister for Alice.

HUSBAND - On February 5th, at the Queen Mary's, Sidcup, to Elizabeth and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Rose. Heartfelt thanks to Leila.

JIMENEZ-BLANCO - On February 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Maria Jose (née Uncitl) and David, a son, their first, to be called David.

KAJITANI - On February 2nd at the Wellington Hospital, to Hiroyuki and Naoko, a son, Etsuke.

MILLER-STIRLING - On February 5th, to Ingkawan (née Nandakwang) and James, a son, Charles.

OGILVIE - On February 5th, to Caroline (née Noble-Jones) and Robert, a son, James Sholto.

PELEKANOU - On February 4th at the Wellington Hospital, to Susan and Andreas, a son, Thomas Alexander.

PERKS - On February 7th, to Sarah (née Beale) and Andrew, a son, Thomas Richard.

PRADHAN - On January 31st at the Wellington Hospital, to Aizin and Shayada, a daughter, Ashiana.

SANDERSON - On February 5th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Jennifer (née Allan) and Stuart, a son, Timothy John.

SHIRLEY - On February 8th, to Augusta (née Southern) and Philip, a son, Horatio John, a brother for Evelyn.

SINFIELD - On 26th January, to Judith (née Searle) and Nicholas, a daughter, Rosanna Bianca Sophia, a sister for Yasmin and Imogen.

STIRLING - On 4th February, to Gillian (née Waddell) and Christopher, a daughter, Sophia Ann, a sister for Archie.

THEOBALD - On February 3rd, in Nairobi, to Elizabeth (née Corse) and Carmichael (Bimb), a second son, Tobias Christopher Harkus.

TUCKER - On February 6th, in St Mary's, Paddington, to Chartirose (Ging) and Michael, a daughter, Harriet Christine, a sister for Adrian.

WATSON - On 4th February 1993, to Belinda and Charles, a daughter.

WILD - On January 31st, at Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, to Michele (née Collins) and John, a son, Richard John, a brother for Paul and Sarah.

YASSIN - On February 1st at the Wellington Hospital, to Rosli and Riah, a son, Mohd-Hanis.

YOUNG - On February 5th, to Clare and Patrick, Imogen Elizabeth, sister to Alexander, Rosalind and Katharine.

ANNIVERSARIES

VAN DER LANDE: ANDERSON - Gerrit and Christobel. Anniversary of wedding in Brompton Oratory 65 years ago. Greetings from children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

PARKER:ELLIOTT - Tony and Ann still happily rowing after 40 years.

DEATHS

AGNEW - On 6th February 1993, peacefully at Montgomery House N/H, Long Melford, after a long illness. Sir John Anthony Stuart, 4th Baronet, aged 78 years. Much loved eldest son of the late Sir John and Lady Agnew, brother of Keith and Stephen. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, on Friday 12th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Nicholas Hospice sent c/o L Fulcher, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1NX.

AICHROTH - Jim. Passed on peacefully at home in the comfort of family and friends on Sunday February 7th 1993. The funeral service is on Wednesday 10th February at 1 pm at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Ian Rennie Hospice or The Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital c/o Arnold Funeral Service, 911 London Road, Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP10 9TF or (0494) 472672.

ALEXANDER - On February 6th 1993, Gavin, beloved husband of Barbara, dear father of Ewan, Kate and Robert and grandfather of Christie and Jack. Formerly Headmaster of Hampton School. Service at St Mary's Church, Hampton, on Friday February 12th at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Donations to the Bud Flanegan Leukaemia Research Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey. Enquiries to G.S. Keates & Co., tel: (081) 977-3127.

BARLEY - H.M.S., beloved husband of Norah and father of Shelagh, Pat, Peter and Irvine, died Grantown-on-Spey, Scotland, 8th February 1993.

BELLEW - On February 6th 1993, peacefully at home, Sir George Bellew KCB, KCVO, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be held in London at a later date.

BELL - On February 5th, Gillian, beloved wife of David and mother of Susan, Caroline and William. Funeral private. Donations if wished to Cancer Research, c/o R.J. Bray, Funeral Director, 1, Glen Road, Wadebridge PL27 7PD.

BOLITHO - On 7th February 1993, peacefully at home, Miss Elizabeth Hope, aged 89 years. Funeral Service at St Uny Church, Lelant, St Ives, Cornwall, on Saturday 13th February at 11 am followed by private interment at Gulval Churchyard. Cut flowers or donations to Alfred Smith & Son Funeral Directors, Penzance or St Michael's Hospital, Hayle.

BOXALL - On February 5th 1993, peacefully aged 88 years, at The Old Rectory N.H., Ewhurst, Muriel Gertrude, a much loved sister of Joan, aunt and great-aunt to many. Funeral Service at the Guildford Crematorium, Friday February 12th at 1 pm. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick, at a later date. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be sent for Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick, together with any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 26 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (0483) 67333.

BURROWS - On Sunday 7th February, peacefully at home after a long illness fought with typical courage, (Robert) David, beloved husband of Erica, father of Carolyn, Nikki, Richard and Philippa, stepfather of Rachel and Louise, and grandfather. Private family funeral. No flowers please. Donations if desired to McIntyre, c/o H & C Matthews, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, Wilts.

BUTTERFIELD - Patricia Ellaine, on Friday 5th February, aged 70, at The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex, after a short illness. Funeral Service at St Raphael's Danehurst, Danehill, Sussex, on Friday 12th February at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund, c/o Masters & Son, 4 Denmans Lane, Lindfield, Sussex RH16 2HH.

CADOGAN - On February 7th, peacefully, Colonel Edward Cadogan C.B.E., late Royal Welch Fusiliers, aged 84. Husband of the late Veronica, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Boldre, on February 16th 1993 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for the Army Benevolent Fund may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire.

CAMMISH - On February 4th 1993, Stephanie of Walpole. Dearly loved wife and mother. Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday February 11th at St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church, Halesworth at 11 am, followed by interment in Walpole Cemetery. Flowers to Woolnoughs Funeral Service, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk.

DANIEL - On January 8th 1993, Peter Richard. Burial at sea on Friday February 12th. Enquiries to funeral directors (Kenyons) tel: (071) 834-4624.

FRASER - On February 7th 1993, peacefully at home in Steeple Morden, Colonel Hugh Vincent Fraser CMG OBE TD, late Royal Tank Regiment, aged 84. Dearly loved husband of Biddy, beloved father of Clive and Jeannie and loving grandfather of Camilla and James. Funeral at St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Steeple Morden, on Friday 12th February at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if wished to Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H ORA.

GORING - On Sunday February 7th 1993, peacefully at home with her family, Lady Hersey Margaret Goring. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Wiston, Sussex, on Monday February 15th at 11 am.

HARPER - On February 3rd, suddenly at home, Denis Rawnsley, Professor Emeritus Manchester University, aged 85, dear husband of Dora and much loved father of Susan and Richard. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be held in Manchester on a date to be announced.

HART - On February 7th, peacefully at home, Mary aged 82, of Cranleigh. Darling wife of Basil, dearly loved mother of Ann and Mike and a much loved grandmother. The service will take place at St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh, on Monday 15th February at 2pm. Cremation private. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent to The British Red Cross.

HAYLOCK - On February 7th 1993, peacefully in Tenbury Hospital, John Layton. Funeral Service at Burford Church, near Tenbury Wells, on Wednesday February 10th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Stroke Association. Enquiries to A.H. Caldicott and Sons, 11 Cross Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcs. WR15 8EF. tel: (0584) 810281.

HUNTINGTON - On Saturday 6th February, Ulick Hethersett, aged 85, at home. Dearly loved husband of Lavender. Funeral Service at Cothelstone on Friday 12th February at 2 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Cothelstone Church.

HUSBAND - See Williams.

JELLY - On 6th February in Brighton, Lieut. Col. John Steuart Osborne R.E., (Ret'd), M.A., F.R.I.C.S., much loved husband of Mary and father of Richard, Michael and David. Funeral Service at Christ The King, Patcham, Brighton, on Thursday 11th February at 11 am followed by private family cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent for the Save the Children Fund c/o Derriman and Haynes, 66 Ladies Mile Road, Patcham, Brighton, tel: (0273) 540168.

JOHNSTON - On February 6th, after a short illness, Angus, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead, on Thursday February 11th at 2 pm to which all friends are welcome. Private cremation to follow. No flowers please, donations if desired for St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, c/o R Medhurst F/D, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD.

LEVIN - Sydney, on February 3rd, peacefully in Bournemouth, dearly loved brother of Mildred, Anita, Pearl and Marylin.

LEWIS - On February 7th, peacefully at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, after a long illness bravely fought, Robin, aged 14 years. Beloved son of Pat and Gabbie and brother of Guy. Service at St Lawrence's R.C. Church, High Street, Edenbridge, on Saturday 13th February at 12 noon followed by burial at Holtye Churchyard. Donations, if desired, to Leukaemia Research Fund.

MORRIS - On February 6th 1993, peacefully at home, Richard Lawrence Mayo, aged 51. Much loved husband of Jillie and devoted father of Rupert and Hugo. Private funeral. Service of Thanksgiving at Farm Street Church, London W1, on March 19th at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, London Appeals Office, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3.

MORTON - Catharine Frances Boswell, suddenly on February 2nd, aged 69. Widow of Arthur Noel. Beloved sister and mother, devoted grandmother and true friend. Funeral to be held at St James's Church, Louth, Lincolnshire, at 1.45 on February 11th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the special school attended by her grandson: St Piers Lingfield, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6PW.

NEVILL - On February 5th, very peacefully at home, Guy, beloved husband of Beatrix. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Eridge, 2 pm on Thursday February 11th. Flowers to Holy Trinity Church or E.R. Hickmott, Tunbridge Wells. A service of thanksgiving will be held later.

NEWSTEAD - On February 7th 1993, in hospital, Elizabeth Robinson, aged 86 years. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Tisbury, on Friday February 12th at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at Wardour Cemetery. No flowers please, but donations if desired to a Catholic charity.

NOBES - On February 5th, Reverend Edward Nobes M.A., Rector of Gamlingay. Requiem at Gamlingay Church on Thursday February 11th at 11.15 am. No flowers please. Donations in lieu, for St Stephen's House, Oxford c/o Stephen Ashley Funeral Service, 12 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8DT, tel: (0223) 327730.

PAWLE - On Sunday 7th February, Sonia (Bunty), peacefully at home after a long illness. Beloved wife of John and much loved mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass Friday 12th February 11.30 at St Andrew's Church, Much Hadam, followed by a private family burial at St John Baptist Church, Widford. Flowers may be sent to the funeral director Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., Bishop's Stortford (0279) 655477.

RAGGATT - On February 5th, peacefully at home, Dorothy aged 82, wife of Colin, greatly loved and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on February 11th at 11 am.

RUSSELL - On February 4th 1993 at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, John aged 68 years, after a short fight against illness. Husband, friend and support to Joan, greatly valued dispenser of family wisdom to Do, Carl and Jony. Private cremation, family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Service, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 2PE. Details of Memorial Service to be announced.

SCOTT GRAHAM - On February 6th 1993 in his 91st year, peacefully at Clevedon Cottage Hospital, Graeme, loving husband of the late Olive. Much loved "Pop" of Peter and Sally and dear Grandpop of James, Julian and William. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Walton St Mary, Clevedon, on Wednesday February 10th at 12 noon; and at Rosebangle Ryehill Church, Dundee, on Friday February 12th at 2.30 pm followed by interment at the Western Cemetery, Dundee. Enquiries to R.G. Rawlings Ltd., 5 Woodlands Road, Clevedon, Avon (0275) 873210 and J and J Gray, 22/30 Perth Road, Dundee (0382) 25991.

SISSON - On Sunday February 7th, peacefully at his home, Sir Roy Sisson, aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Connie and dearly loved father of Diana, Peter, Mandy and Mark and grandfather of Jane, Helen, Emma and Chloe. A small family service will be held at St Helen's Church, Wheathampstead, on Friday 12th February at 12.15 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at a date to be announced. All enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, tel: (0582) 712865.

TOMALIN - On February 5th 1993, peacefully, Wilfred Anthony (Tony) aged 74. Beloved father, brother, uncle and friend. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Wednesday February 10th at 11.30 am. Flowers to Hemingtons Funeral Directors Ltd. tel: (0273) 778733 or donations if desired to Sussex County Cricket Club.

TWYMAN - On Saturday 6th February 1993, peacefully after a long and brave battle against cancer, Sarah Anne (née White). She leaves a husband Richard and son David. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 10th February 1993 at St Margaret's Church, Burnham Norton, Norfolk (immediate family and close friends only). A Memorial Service will be held at Christchurch, Christchurch Road, East Sheen, London, at 11 am Tuesday 16th February where all will be welcome. No flowers, donations please to The Princess Alice Hospice, Lammas Lane, Esher, Sy. KT10 8NA.

van OOSTEROM - On Thursday 4th February 1993, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Hulbert van Oosterom, FICE, aged 73 years. Beloved husband of Judith, dear father of Susan, John and James and loving grandfather of Thomas, Polly, Hannah, William and Henry. Private Thanksgiving Service at St Michael and All Angels, Chettisham, Ely, on 11th February at 11 am. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, may be made to The Stretham Engine Trust c/o Cambridge Funeral Services 0223-415268. Memorial Service to be announced later.

WEBB - On February 6th 1993, peacefully at the Bournemouth Nuffield Hospital, Raymonde Georgette Catherine, aged 86, of Ringwood, Hants., widow of Reginald Webb, much loved mother of Christopher and dear granny of Tessa and Richard. Funeral Service Monday February 15th, at 12.45 pm at Golders Green Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations for King Edward VII Hospital for Officers may be sent to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN.

WILLIAMS - On Friday 5th February 1993 after a short illness, Isabel Eunson Williams, formerly Isabel Husband of Cannington, Somerset, aged 81. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Cannington, at 2 pm on Thursday 11th February. Enquiries to J.E. Gilbert & Son, 139 St John Street, Bridgwater, tel: (0278) 422334.

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GREEN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jonathan Lionel (Johnny) Green will be held at Lyonshall Church on Saturday 6th March at 12 noon.

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SIR GEORGE BELLEW

Sir George Bellew, KCB, KCVO, FSA, Garter Principal King of Arms, 1950-61, died on February 6 aged 93. He was born on December 13, 1899.

AMONG the main achievements of George Bellew during his time as Garter King of Arms were the organisation of the funeral of King George VI in 1952, and the important supporting role he played to the Duke of Norfolk in the Coronation of the Queen in the following year. He was a man of various talents. He was an expert in armorial bearings and their artistic qualities and, less to be expected from one in his position, he was a Judo black belt — as a would-be burglar once found to his cost.

He was the scion of an aristocratic Irish family which settled in Ireland in the 13th century. He was the fourth son of the Hon Richard Eustace Bellew by his second wife and thus a grandson of the 2nd Baron. His half-brother, Edward the 5th Baron, had married Barbara, daughter of Sir Henry Farnham Burke, Garter King of Arms. Bellew was appointed Partitillis Pursuivant when he was only 22.

George Rothe Bellew was educated at Wellington and Christ Church, Oxford. During the second world war he served with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, becoming a squadron leader, and was mentioned in dispatches.

In the meantime he had become Somerset Herald in 1926, an office he was to occupy until 1950. He was Registrar of the College from 1935 to 1946 and became Garter King of Arms, in succession to Sir Algar Howard who had groomed him for the job, in 1950.

He scarcely had time to settle into his new office when he was faced with organising the state funeral of King George VI. Fortunately many of the preparations had been made in advance, and it involved Bellew in little more than a week — albeit a hectic one — of organisational work.

He also had to cope with the proclamation of the Queen and her Coronation. This latter called for what was to be a highly complex effort of organisation, orchestrated by the 16th Duke of Norfolk as hereditary Earl Marshal of England. In the preparations for this event Bellew was effectively Norfolk's chief staff officer.

In such a task all his many talents could be utilised. At heart he was a designer, an artist and a perfectionist in all things. He planned every move in the Coronation ritual with loving care, even down to the little gold star, made at Garrards and affixed to the cap of the crown in case the Archbishop of Canterbury should emulate one of his predecessors in office and attempt to put it on the wrong way round. The Queen's Beasts, which guarded the Annexe to Westminster Abbey were the monstrous infants of his brain. And he never forgave the Ministry of Works for not painting them in their heraldic colours. The Earl Marshal was rightly given credit for the success of the Coronation but Garter Bellew added the decoration to the cake and his reward was the KCVO his Sovereign gave him when it was all over.

Bellew retired in 1961 when he was created KCB. He was also a Knight of St John and, for a while, genealogist of that order; he was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Heraldry Society, which he supported from its foundation in 1947.

For many years Bellew lived at the Dower House, Englefield Green, but when the aircraft became intolerable (in spite of his wartime service in the RAFVR he had acquired no immunity to aircraft noise) he moved to the Grange, Farnham. Both houses he made beautiful, elegant and interesting. His innate sense of colour and design and his inventiveness served him well throughout his life and especially in his attitude to heraldic design.

Everyone who knew Bellew will remember him for his sense of fun and humour and as being a most generous host, who master-minded his parties as if they were mini-coronations, always with impeccable taste and personal care to every smallest detail.

In 1935 he married Ursula Cull (a descendant of J. R. Planché, a former Somerset Herald) who, with their son, Richard, survives him.

DUDLEY STEVENS

Dudley Stevens, actor, director and playwright, died from an Aids-related illness in Hove on January 23 aged 57. He was born in Ilford on August 8, 1935.



HANDSOME and charming, Dudley Stevens was a natural actor, a skilful singer and a graceful dancer who turned to directing and writing.

Stevens had no formal training for the theatre and spent a year working in a Holborn office before overcoming his mother's opposition to a stage career. He made his London debut in 1962 with Elaine Stritch in Noël Coward's musical, *Sail Away*, at the Savoy Theatre. His dark, boyish good looks immediately singled him out as an ideal juvenile and won him a small role in the 1963 London production of Frank Loesser's Broadway hit, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, in which he was directed by Bob Fosse.

In 1965 he appeared with Peter Cushing and Alec McCowen in a revival of the Ben Travers farce, *Thark*, at the Garrick Theatre. Parts in the films, *Oliver!* and *Oh What a Lovely War* followed. He then played with Hayley Mills in the musical, *Trelawny*, at the Prince of Wales Theatre in 1972.

Appearances in the popular BBC television series, *The Good Old Days*, led him into the orbit of Victorian music hall at London's Players' Theatre, where he became an established favourite, eventually directing many of the weekly bills and pantomimes, including his first musical, *At the Sign of the Angel*, which he also wrote. Meanwhile, he continued to feature in West End musicals. Perhaps his best performance was with Julia McKenzie and Millicent Martin, in *Side by Side by Sondheim* at Wyndham's.

During the 1970s, he appeared in the television soap opera, *Crossroads*, as the Machiavellian landowner John Sackville, a role he played so effectively that he was once punched in the street by an irate viewer who imagined he was as unpleasant off-screen as on it.

In 1981 he wrote, directed and starred in a second stage musical, *When the Lights Go On Again*, in which he toured Scandinavia. During his final illness he continued directing, in Swansea and at the Players'.

MARKO ROTHMULLER

Marko Rothmüller, Croatian baritone, died on January 20 aged 84. He was born on December 31, 1908, at Trnjani, near Zagreb.

MARKO Rothmüller was one of the most distinguished singers on the international opera scene in the early postwar years. His Glyndebourne Guglielmo and Macbeth, and his Covent Garden Rigoletto, Scarpia and Wozzeck were keenly observed, trenchant interpretations sung in that tangy, highly individual baritone of his.

His career began long before his success in Britain. Having started out obscurely in Germany in 1932 (debut role, Ottakar in *Der Freischütz* at Altona, near Hamburg), he was forced, as a Jew, to return to Zagreb in 1933, to the National Opera, where he demonstrated the range of his gifts as Rigoletto, Luna, Amonasro, Telramund and Amfortas, a formidable repertory for a singer still in his twenties.

In 1938 he moved to the Zurich Opera which was to be the centre of his activities during the war years. Indeed, he first appeared there in 1938, creating the part of Truchsess in the premiere of Hindemith's *Mathis der Maler*. Among his other notable roles at Zurich was Simon Boccanegra, favourably commented on by the critic Desmond Shawe-Taylor — "he made an extraordinary impression by the beauty and flexibility of his singing and the warmth and subtlety of his interpretation". He also sang Jochanaan in Strauss's *Salome*, the Barber in his *Die schweigsame Frau* (both with the composer in the pit), and Kurwenal.

Just before the outbreak of war, Beecham had called him to Covent Garden, where he made his debut as Krusina in *The Bartered Bride*. Tauber was the Jenik, or rather Hans, the opera being given in German, and is said to have praised his younger colleague's work. Had there been a 1940 season he would assuredly have been invited back. As it was, he returned to the house in 1947 during the visit of the Vienna State Opera, replacing an indisposed Hotter as Jochanaan in *Salome*. He was at that time singing Rigoletto and Scarpia in the Jay Pomeroy seasons at the Cambridge Theatre.

Rothmüller was immediately invited to take part in the regular seasons of what was then the Covent Garden Company, and made his mark as Rigoletto, Amonasro, Escamillo (all sung in English), and most notably in the house's first, arresting performances of *Wozzeck* under Erich Kleiber in 1952. His portrayal of the down-trodden soldier remains an indelible memory for those who heard and saw it. The same year his Macbeth at Glyndebourne was no less remarkable for its detailed reading of the character's psychology. He was to prove no less effective as the Nick Shadow of Glyndebourne's (and Britain's) first accounts of Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress* in 1954. He had also appeared with the company at the Edinburgh Festival, as Guglielmo (1949) and as Don Carlo in *La forza del destino* (1951 and 1955). What he lacked in inches, Rothmüller more than made up for by his imposing presence and the quality of his voice.

At the end of the war he had been immediately engaged by the Vienna State Opera, where he sang regularly for three seasons, appearing in 65 performances of 18 roles. In the autumn of 1948 he made his US debut, as Amonasro at the New York City Opera and later sang in the first US performances of *Wozzeck*. In 1955 he joined the staff of the University of Indiana at Bloomington where he was to spend the last three decades of his active career as a distinguished teacher, but he had an Indian Summer as a performer, at the Metropolitan, singing character roles from 1959 to 1964 (debut, Kothner in *Die Meistersinger*).

He was also a noted interpreter of song. His extremely rare (in their original form), wartime Swiss recordings for HMV of Schubert's *Winterreise* and Mussorgsky's *Songs and Dances of Death* have recently been lauded on their transfer to CD.

Rothmüller wrote a book, *The Music of the Jews* which was published in Switzerland in 1951 with an English translation in 1954.



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JACQUES CHAMPAGNE

Jacques Champagne, French foreign correspondent in London from 1945 until his retirement in 1982, died on January 7 in St-Germain-en-Laye aged 77. He was born in Paris on September 28, 1915.

JACQUES Champagne began his career on *Paris Soir*. When France was occupied he left the newspaper and was a member of the Resistance group centred on Aix-en-Provence. After the American and French landings in the South of France in August 1944 he joined the Allied troops in their advance north.

British special forces then sent him to England to lecture for the Ministry of Information on Resistance in France. He addressed many audiences — sometimes huge — with great success. Pierre Bertrand — later *Figaro* correspondent in London but then heading General de Gaulle's information service in London — also used him to lecture for that service.

Jacques Champagne became successively editor of the London-published newspaper *France*, then correspondent of the *Parisien Libéré*, of *Le Soir* (de Bruxelles) and of Radio Suisse Romande among many others. He also did a great deal of work for the BBC, both on radio and television.

He was an Officer of the Légion d'Honneur, held the Médaille Militaire, the Croix de Guerre and the Médaille de la Resistence. He was a member of the Special Forces Club, was on the committee of the Foreign Press Association and was a member of the Military Commentators Circle.

SIR JOHN CAREW POLE

Sir John Carew Pole, Bt, DSO, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, 1962-67, died on January 26 aged 90. He was born on March 4, 1902.

JOHN Gawen Carew Pole was the eldest son of Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Pole-Carew, of Antony in east Cornwall, and of Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew. But when his father died in 1926 he changed his name by deed poll to Carew Pole. He was educated at Eton and Sandhurst, and served in the Coldstream Guards from 1923 to 1939 during which time he held a number of special staff appointments in India, South Africa and Palestine. On the outbreak of war he was given command of the 5th (TA) Battalion of the Cornwall Light Infantry. Later, in 1944, he obtained command of the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment and served in Normandy and northern Europe with notable distinction and courage, winning an immediate DSO in the field in 1944.

After the war Carew Pole left the army and devoted his time partly to his beautiful Queen Anne family house at Antony, and partly to local affairs. He was a Justice of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant, County Alderman, High Sheriff and Vice-Lieutenant before becoming Lord Lieutenant in 1962. He filled the office with the courtesy and ease of a man who was also a Gentleman of Her Majesty's Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms for 22 years and a Royal Standard Bearer from 1968 to 1972. He was also a busy and effective Chairman of the Cornwall County Council from 1952 to 1963 and a member of the Prince of Wales's Council for the Duchy of Cornwall from 1952 to 1968.



He listed his recreations as gardening, shooting and travel, but he was also well known as a member of the Jockey Club and as Steward of the National Hunt Committee. Among his many other outside interests he was a director of Lloyds Bank and chairman of Westward Television, as well as being a member of the Central Transport Consultative Committee and the South-West Electricity Consultative Council.

Carew Pole was a man of many parts to which were added good looks and unassuming personal charm. As courtier, soldier and countryman he was for many of his generation the epitome of an English gentleman.

In 1928 he married Cynthia Mary Burns, OBE, the daughter of Walter Burns of North Mymms Park, Hatfield, and they had a son and two daughters. She died in 1977, and in 1979 he married Joan, widow of Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Fulford. She, together with the children of his first marriage, survives him. His son Richard, succeeds to the baronetcy.

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The eighties were a period when the working class found an outlet for its grievances in holding mass demonstrations. This one appears relatively peaceful in contrast to one in Trafalgar Square the previous year.

RIOTING IN LONDON.

Owing to the publicity given to the police prohibition of the proposed Socialist torchlight procession large crowds collected yesterday evening on Clerkenwell-green. By 9 o'clock some five or six thousand persons had assembled. They were addressed by various orators, the speeches being of the usual violent type. Order was preserved by a strong force of constables mounted and on foot, under the command of Superintendent Wood and several inspectors. Shortly after 9 o'clock some of the Socialists attempted to light torches, but were prevented by the police from so doing. After the speeches had been delivered the mob dispersed in various directions. One portion, numbering about 300 boys and young men, proceeded by Aylesbury-street and Compton-street into the Goswell-road. On reaching the baker's shop of George Embach, at the corner of Compton-street and Aylesbury-street, the rowdies commenced what proved to be a series of mischievous operations by smashing a large plate-glass window with a stick. They next attacked the Italian warehouse of Mrs. Chipp, of 66, Compton-street, but did not steal anything. The owner of the adjoining premises did not, however, meet with such consideration. He was Mr. Geering, a butcher, and he was deprived of joints of meat valued altogether at £20. Mr. Geering offered what resistance he could to the marauding band. He seized a revolver, of which he happened to be possessed, and fired several times, and the men made a more precipitate retreat than they probably would have done had they known that the weapon was merely loaded with blank cartridge. In their flight the rioters lingered for a moment to hurl a volley of stones at the windows of the Harrow Inn, Compton-street. Turning into Goswell-road they found a plentiful supply of missiles, of which they took ample advantage. At Tarling Brothers tailoring establishment, 42, Goswell-road, they demolished a valuable sheet of plate-glass, covering the entire front of the ground floor. Messrs. Crisp, card-box makers, of 3, Goswell-road and Mr. De Pinna, landlord of the Horse Shoe Tavern, in the same thoroughfare, had the windows of their establishments broken. Mr. Ezra Hann, a shopkeeper residing at No. 4, was exceptionally unfortunate. Not only was the plate-glass window of his shop broken, but his stock was considerably damaged by materials utilized by the mob. Mr. Hann's son, too, narrowly escaped personal injury. Three large granite stones, taken from a heap which was being used for the repair of the tramway track, were thrown through the window, and whizzed close by the head of the young man. One of these missiles, which was picked up afterwards, was found to weigh 2lb. The rioters marched to Aldersgate-street, where they were confronted by an organized body of the City police, but in spite of this they did not immediately abandon their mischievous career. They pushed their way without much difficulty as far as Newgate-street and here the march towards the City was effectually checked, the constables working their way skilfully among the youthful rascals and dispersing them in such a manner as to prevent them from reuniting . . .

NEWS

Smith prepares to sink Major

■ Distancing Labour from an early re-entry to the exchange-rate mecahnism, John Smith gave a warning that his party was prepared to defeat the government over the social chapter of the Maastrict treaty.

In an interview with *The Times* he made it plain that he was ready to join Tory Euro-sceptics to get the chapter inserted into the bill, even though the government had warned such a course would wreck the treaty.....**Pages 1, 8, 16, 17**

No sacred cows, says Portillo

■ Amid Opposition charges that the government was placing an axe over the welfare state, Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, told the Commons there would be no sacred cows in the spending scrutiny but said there would be no restructuring before the next election .....**Page 1**

Mercenaries tortured

The bodies of two British mercenaries, thought to be Ted Skinner and Derek Arnold who had been fighting with Muslim forces in Bosnia, have been found trussed up in a village. They had been shot after being tortured.....**Pages 1, 3, 12**

Rescue mission

President Mitterrand of France is embarking on a visit to Vietnam which he hopes will re-establish French influence in the region, 40 years after the defeat at Dien Bien Phu, and persuade the Americans to end Hanoi's economic isolation.....**Page 11**

Council condemned

Two reports published yesterday condemned social services managers of Leicestershire County Council and the police for blunders that failed to stop Frank Beck from abusing children for 13 years.....**Pages 1, 5**

Clinton under fire

American newspapers have attacked President Clinton for cowardice, incompetence and failure of nerve over his bungled nominations of two women to fill the position of attorney-general.....**Page 13**

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Motoring organisations and Labour have claimed that the price of the government's road toll plans for Britain's motorways would be traffic congestion and environmental damage in hundreds of villages and towns.....**Page 2**

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The helicopter rescue team at RAF Leuchars in Fife, due for closure next month, may be saved as a result of an increasing number of climbers who are being trapped and injured on Scottish mountains.....**Page 10**

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Gaeton Beisy, a French pilot in Corsica, was accused at the Old Bailey yesterday of stabbing his English widowed lover through the heart in a fit of jealousy and then threatening her son with the knife. He has denied murder and attempted murder... **Page 3**

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Guarantees that the country will not be targeted or threatened by the use of weapons of mass distruction have been offered to Ukraine by Britain and the United States.....**Page 11**

Green taxes hint

The government is considering imposing new green taxes in its efforts to curb pollution, Michael Howard, the environment secretary, has told the Institute of Directors.....**Page 9**

Money to burn

Dublin's poor families are being given hundreds of thousands of old banknotes by the Irish Central Bank to burn to save on winter fuel bills. A scheme organised by a local charity involves the provision of logs made from shredded notes.....**Page 3**

British 'bubbly' wins court approval

■ An English vineyard won High Court approval yesterday, against the wishes of French producers, to sell a sparkling soft drink as Elderflower Champagne. A judge ruled that, although the labels on the Thorncroft Vineyard drink were a misrepresentation calculated to deceive, the risk of damage to real champagne was minimal.....**Page 6**



Aiming high: two female members of a Russian paratrooper unit practise pistol shooting at the Medvechi Ozira military base near Moscow. Some 70 joined the unit after President Yeltsin opened the door for women to serve in military facilities

BUSINESS

Jobs lost: National Westminster Bank said 4,000 jobs would go this year, mainly from its branch network, in addition to the 5,000 jobs lost last year.....**Page 21**

Credit rise: Net lending to consumers in the UK rose £56 million in December, against a revised £13 million in November. New credit advanced in December was £4.67 billion, compared with £4.067 billion a month earlier.....**Page 23**

Markets: Sterling's trade-weighted value slipped to 77.2 from 77.7 after falling 1.17 cents to $1.4380 and 1.48 pfennigs to DM2.3813. The FT-SE 100 index rose 7.1 to 2,870.0.....**Page 24**

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Football: Alan Smith is set to form an all-Arsenal spearhead with Ian Wright when England face World Cup minnows San Marino at Wembley next week. Both are in England's squad, with four other Arsenal players called up by England manager Graham Taylor.....**Page 40**

Athletics: New York sees track star Butch Reynolds as a martyr after his battles with officialdom over suspension for alleged drug taking. Simon Barnes says it is possible the world will soon follow the Big Apple's lead.....**Page 38**

Rugby League: MPs are to discuss the case of Steve Pilgrim, the England B full-back who has been disqualified from rugby union for a year for having a rugby league trial with Leeds.....**Page 40**

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Sleeping dragon: There is growing evidence that heart disease is reversible. However, if Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, wants to take advantage of this, he will have to forget high-fat Western dining and adopt the diet of the rural Chinese.....**Page 14**

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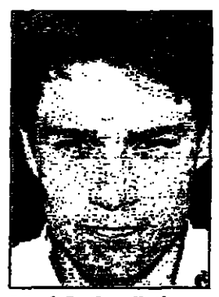
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For Burma there are only two routes out of isolation. It must release Daw Suu Kyi and it must honour the results of the 1990 elections.....**Page 17**

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COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

As I have said many times, and shall say many times again, I have been fortunate above most of mankind in my friends. Sidney Bernstein, some 30 years my senior, towers over my life — not with a shadow, but with a triumphal arch. His friendships were absolute and lifelong, and the one he stretched out to me has enriched my life and will continue to enrich it till my own death.....**Page 16**

LYNNE TRUSS

But I go over and over it: why did Judge John Prosser specify a holiday for this girl? I have a miserable suspicion that the main reason was this: that the girl is only 15 years old, and is therefore not regarded as deserving justice and redress, but as a child to be distracted with a treat. It makes me think of sexually abused children bought off with candyfloss; not just condescending, but obscene.....**Page 16**

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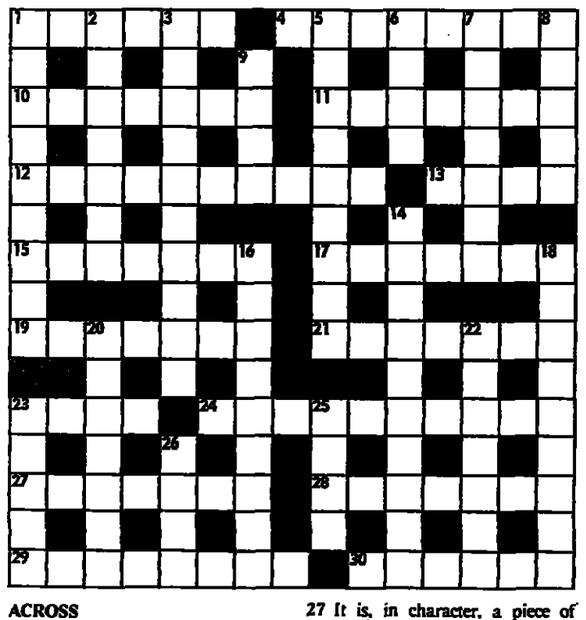
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The Vance-Owen plan at least has the merit of giving peace a chance in the short term, on condition, of course, that all the factions finally consent to honour it.

Le Monde

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ACROSS

1 Composer imprisoned in connection with quarrel (6).
4 Rough and difficult to deal with (8).
10 Get a man in distress into the shade (7).
11 Increased effort at college ends in award (7).
12 Serious points to clear up (10).
13 Avoid losing husband (4).
15 Came up to the mark in a backward class (7).
17 Sustained Portguese gentleman in the doldrums (7).
19 Stories told for stage purposes (7).
21 Fail to begin rowing (4,3).
23 Cooked and wrapped up (4).
24 Protected market, say, designed for damage limitation (6,4).
27 It is, in character, a piece of music (7).
28 European city quarter, formerly NE of Watling St (7).
29 They kept the score, being mentally active (8).
30 Disintegration of remote shooting star (6).

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1 Surprise for an attractive lady (9).
2 Eat greedily and go green as a result (7).
3 A body of troops, German originally, in Africa perhaps (10).
5 Complain in France and claim the luggage (6-3).
6 Sculpture is ruined (4).
7 Not in the minor, that's apparent (7).
8 Lady is upset by riddle (5).
9 The way some worship at home (4).
14 Foresight shown by girl climbing in the South of France (10).
16 Succeeded in stump at a speed without comparison (9).
18 Pilgrims, once in this, will possibly reach a peak (9).
20 Learn, for example, to become popular (7).
22 Rider pulls up to perform this stunt (7).
23 Tyram loses southern base (5).
25 Suicidal queen acted with love (4).
26 Organize fair (4).

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WEATHER

Most parts will be cloudy and dry, although there will be some drizzles, overnight mist and fog patches. Southern England and Wales will be dull, with brighter spells in North Wales, northwest England and northern and western Scotland. Further fog patches are expected to form in the evening. The winds will be stronger than yesterday, with the highest temperatures in Scotland. Outlook: overnight fog continuing.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Majorca	13	55	r
Akrotiri	16	61	c	Malaga	16	61	f
Alex'dria	17	63	s	Malta	17	63	f
Algiers	13	55	s	Melb'rne	30	86	s
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Mexico C*	11	52	f
Athens	18	64	s	Miami*	26	79	c
Bahrain	15	59	s	Milan	11	52	s
Bangkok	31	88	s	Montreal*	-25	-13	s
Barbados*	28	82	f	Moscow	-7	19	f
Barcelna	13	55	s	Munich	3	37	c
Beirut	16	61	c	Naples	16	61	s
Belgrade	3	37	f	N Delhi	22	72	s
Berlin	3	37	s	N York*	-11	12	sn
Bermuda*	21	70	f	Nice	14	57	s
Biarritz	14	57	s	Oslo	-3	27	f
Borde'x	11	52	s	Paris	5	41	c
Brussels	7	45	d	Peking	4	39	s
Budapst	4	39	s	Perth (aus)	24	75	s
B Aires*	21	70	c	Prague	2	36	c
Cairo	19	66	s	Reykjavik	3	37	c
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Rhodes	17	63	s
Chicago*	-1	30	c	Rio de J	30	86	s
Ch'church	17	63	c	Rio de J	37	99	s
Cologne	5	41	c	Riyadh	14	57	s
C'phagn	3	37	s	Rome	15	59	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Salzburg	7	45	f
Dublin	11	52	c	S F'isco*	13	55	c
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Santiago*	27	81	s
Faro	15	59	f	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Florence	11	52	f	Seoul	1	34	s
Frankfurt	4	39	c	Sing'por	31	88	s
Funchal	16	61	f	St'kholm	1	34	s
Geneva	3	37	f	Strasb'rg	4	39	c
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Sydney	27	81	s
Helsinki	-1	30	s	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	16	61	s
Innsbrck	8	46	s	Tenerife	17	63	c
Istanbul	6	43	r	Tokyo	18	64	s
Jeddah	23	73	s	Toronto*	-17	1	s
Jo'burg*	26	79	f	Tunis	14	57	f
L Palmas	15	59	f	Valencia	14	57	f
La Tquet	10	50	c	Vanc'ver*	10	50	c
Lisbon	12	54	s	Venice	7	45	s
Locarno	10	50	s	Vienna	4	39	c
London	9	48	d	Warsaw	-3	27	s
L Angels*	18	64	s	Wash'ton*	-1	30	c
Luxembg	4	39	c	Wel'nton	16	61	s
Luxor	20	68	s	Zurich	9	48	s
Madrid	11	52	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F): min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,035.5 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Boulmer, Northumberland, 16C (61F): lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F): highest rainfall: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 3.8hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F): min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

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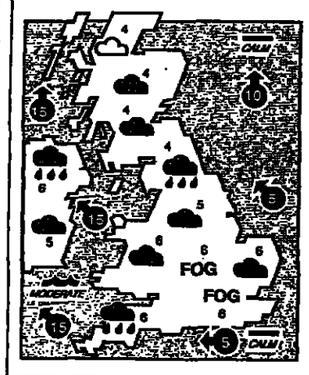
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Aberdeen	2.3	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	-	-	10	50	fog
Aviemore	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	-	-	10	50	drizzle
Birmingham	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Bognor Regis	-	0.04	11	52	drizzle
Bournemouth	0.2	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Bristol	-	-	11	52	dull
Buxton	0.1	0.01	10	50	fog
Cardiff	0.1	0.01	11	52	fog
Clacton	-	0.02	9	48	rain
Cromer	-	0.04	9	48	fog
Douglas	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.4	-	12	54	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.8	0.01	14	57	sunny
Exmouth	0.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Falmouth	2.3	-	13	55	bright
Folkestone	-	0.02	10	50	cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Guernsey	-	0.24	10	50	cloudy
Hastings	1.5	0.01	11	52	drizzle
Hunstanton	0.8	0.01	9	48	drizzle
Jersey	-	0.10	9	48	fog
Kinloss	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Leeds	0.8	-	13	55	bright
Lerwick	-	0.20	8	46	fog
Littlehampton	-	0.04	11	52	drizzle
Liverpool	-	0.02	9	48	fog
London	-	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Lowestoft	-	0.04	9	48	drizzle
Manchester	-	0.02	10	50	fog
Minehead	-	-	11	52	fog
Morecambe	-	0.01	9	48	fog
Newcastle	1.8	-	13	55	bright
Newquay	1.2	-	12	54	bright
Nottingham	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	2.0	0.01	13	55	bright
Plymouth	2.5	-	15	59	bright
Poole	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Prestwick	-	-	10	50	drizzle
Saunton Snd	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Scarborough	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Shanklin	-	0.07	10	50	rain
Southsea	-	0.04	11	52	cloudy
Stornoway	0.1	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Swanage	0.3	0.03	11	52	drizzle
Teignmouth	1.9	-	12	54	bright
Tenby	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Tiree	-	0.03	9	48	drizzle
Torquay	1.9	-	14	57	bright
Weymouth	-	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Wick	0.3	0.01	12	54	rain
Worthing	0.9	0.02	12	54	cloudy

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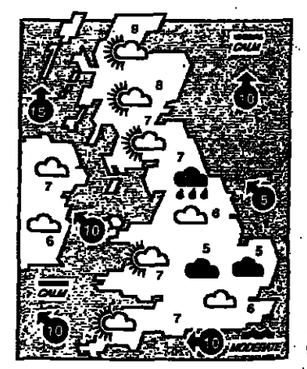
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Australia $	2.045	2.045
Austria Sch	17.80	16.30
Belgium Fr	52.40	48.00
Canada $	1.94	1.78
Denmark Kr	9.69	8.89
Finland Mkk	8.85	8.05
France Fr	8.54	7.84
Germany Dm	2.53	2.33
Greece Dr	340.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	11.80	10.80
Ireland Pt	1.04	0.96
Italy Lira	2305.00	2140.00
Japan Yen	197.00	178.00
Netherlands Gld	2.85	2.62
Norway Kr	10.68	9.88
Portugal Esc	226.50	210.50
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.70
Spain Pta	174.50	161.50
Sweden Kr	11.31	10.51
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.15
Turkey Lira	13800.0	12800.0
USA $	1.525	1.405

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Manchester 5.08 pm to 7.38 am
Penzance 5.30 pm to 7.42 am

Sun rises: 7.28 am
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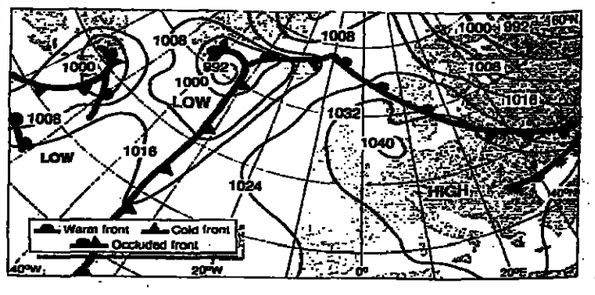
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B'mingham	10	50	c	Inverness	8	46	s
Blackpool	9	48	c	Jersey	7	45	d
Bristol	10	50	c	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	10	50	d	M'chester	10	50	c
Edinburgh	6	43	c	Newcastle	7	45	d
Glasgow	7	45	c	R'nldsway	8	46	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.11	7.6	3.39	7.8	Liverpool	12.29	10.0	12.49	10.2
Aberdeen	2.43	4.5	2.50	4.8	Lowestoft	11.09	2.4	11.09	2.7
Avonmouth	8.47	14.4	9.12	14.1	Margate	1.16	5.0	1.52	4.9
Belfast	12.21	3.4	12.35	3.8	Milford Haven	7.45	7.7	8.08	7.5
Cardiff	8.32	13.2	8.57	13.0	Newquay	8.35	7.7	8.59	7.4
Devonport	7.21	5.9	7.45	5.8	Oban	7.07	4.3	7.28	4.0
Dover	12.14	7.0	12.32	6.8	Penzance	6.21	6.0	6.47	5.7
Falmouth	6.51	5.7	7.15	5.4	Portland	8.21	2.4	8.47	2.1
Glasgow	2.33	4.8	2.29	5.3	Portsmouth	12.36	5.1	12.52	5.1
Harwich	1.07	4.1	1.34	4.2	Shoreham	12.33	6.7	12.50	6.8
Holyhead	11.44	6.2			Southampton	12.08	4.8	12.20	4.7
Hull	7.47	7.9	7.55	8.4	Swansea	7.51	10.4	8.13	10.1
Ilfracombe	7.31	10.1	7.55	9.8	Tees	5.12	5.7	5.22	5.9
King's Lynn	8.08	7.0	8.11	7.4	W'ton-on-Nze	12.56	4.3	1.26	4.4
Leith	4.10	5.9	4.26	6.0					

NOON TODAY



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NatWest will shed 4,000 more jobs

By George Sivell
City Editor

■ **New technology is continuing to demolish jobs in the banking industry, with National Westminster cutting 4,000 jobs this year, most of them in the branches**

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is to shed 4,000 jobs in 1993, after cutting 5,000 last year. The group made the announcement yesterday in what is believed to be an attempt to deflect criticism over the method of selection that troubled the bank last year.

The House of Commons employment committee is writing to NatWest to ask how it went about its latest tranche of redundancies. It interviewed Lord Younger about the 3,500 job cuts The Royal Bank of Scotland announced in November. Lord Younger is believed to have received a grilling for not telling the unions about his plans until after the announcement was made, even though he had complied with the legal requirements.

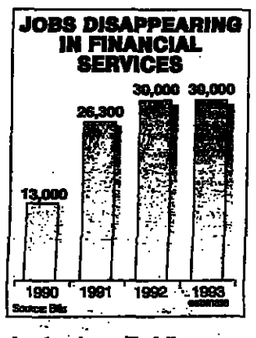
The committee, chaired by Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West, is investigating whether the employment department could help prepare workers for large-scale redundancies.

The NatWest cuts add to the estimated 70,000 banking jobs lost since the financial services boom peaked in 1989, and come as the banks replace office staff with advanced technology. NatWest says that 70 per cent of its customers now withdraw cash from automated tellers, more use Switch cards instead of cheque books and there is increasing use of the Action Line telephone services.

The bank says that more centralised administration and the continuing dull state of the economy were further reasons for the cuts.

NatWest said it hoped to keep compulsory redundancies to a minimum and added they would be used only as a last resort. At the end of 1990, the bank employed 108,800 staff around the world but, by the end of last year, the number had fallen to 95,200.

Of the planned job cuts, 3,200 will be in the branch network, which ended last year with 63,000 employees. The bank has closed 100 branches a year for the past three years and aims to close a similar number this year. It ended last year with 2,700 branches. But this year's redundancies will fall among higher grades of staff. Traditionally in bank cutbacks, most of the jobs are among junior staff in clerical areas. NatWest said yesterday that the coming redundancies would be across a wider range of grades, including branch managers and their assistants.



About 600 jobs are expected to go in group services such as property and catering and the remaining 200 to 250 are to go in NatWest markets. Not all of these will be in Britain because about 40 per cent of the markets business is overseas. NatWest markets was formed last year by merging NatWest and County NatWest operations and the latest redundancies will cut out duplication.

NatWest said that, including natural wastage, it achieved a net loss of 5,000 jobs last year. Although it is emphasising that the number of compulsory redundancies will be minimal, it said it was resisting suggestions from Bifu, the banking union, that a national voluntary register be kept.

It is believed that under the selection procedure for redundancies employee performance is the overriding criterion but that attendance and the disciplinary record are also taken into account.

Frank Dobson, shadow employment secretary, said: "These employees are further victims of the business incompetence of Britain's banks. NatWest and others squandered countless millions in a mad burst of property speculation in the 1980s and now staff are paying for it."

Bifu condemned the job cuts as a blow to staff and customers. Alan Ainsworth, assistant secretary, said: "Banks can't go on cutting and cutting without alienating both the staff and customers. Banks should stop chopping and start creating new jobs and new services."

The union was seeking an urgent meeting with NatWest management. It represents 20,000 members at the bank.

French threat to fine Hoover



Dust-up in Dijon: France's Martine Aubry goes after Hoover for closing a factory

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

MARTINE Aubry, the French employment minister, has launched an enquiry into Hoover's decision to relocate a plant from Dijon to Scotland. Directors could face fines and even prison sentences of up to a year.

The labour inspectorate will examine allegations that the domestic appliance maker failed to consult employees fully before announcing the Dijon closure, with the loss of nearly 700 jobs.

The French government action highlights the way in which the Hoover relocation, has become part of the French election campaign. The Socialists are expected to lose control of the National Assembly next month.

Mme Aubry showed few doubts about the outcome of the enquiry yesterday: "The labour inspectorate is going to issue a fine because the Hoover company did not respect French law. It did not inform the works council before deciding the transfer to Scotland."

A Hoover spokeswoman, however, said unions at all three of the company's European plants, at Dijon; Cambuslang, Scotland, where 400 jobs will be added; and at Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, had been kept informed during a six-month review of European operations before the decision was taken.

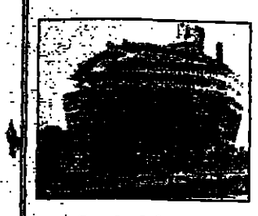
"Hoover is confident that we have kept in touch with our workforce throughout," she said.

The labour inspectorate enquiry will seek to establish whether Hoover breached an article of the French Labour Code that sets out the responsibilities of companies to maintain and inform works councils, made up of employees and managers. The enquiry findings will be passed to a judge who has powers to impose fines on directors of Fr2,000 (£250) to Fr20,000, and prison sentences of between two months and a year, if the law has been breached.

Yesterday, Mme Aubry said: "We will see later whether Community regulations have also been flouted."

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THE POUND

US $	1.4380 (-0.0127)
German mark	2.3813 (-0.0148)
Exchange index	77.2 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2870.0 (+7.1)
Dow Jones	3442.95 (+0.81)*
Nikkei Avge	17281.73 (-51.17)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅛-6⅛%
US Federal Funds	2¾%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.93-2.92%*
Long Bond	7.17%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4393*	£:$ 1.4390
$:DM 1.6545*	£:DM 2.3823
$:SWfr 1.5323*	£:SWfr 2.2031
$:Ffr 5.5975*	£:Ffr 8.0600
$:Yen 123.90*	£:Yen 178.55
£:SDR 1.0635	£:ECU 1.2208

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 327.60 PM 327.95
Close 327.85-328.35
New York:
Comex 328.75-329.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 139.2 December (2.6%)
* Denotes midday trading price

DAF rescue plan will cut 3,000 posts

From Tom Walker in Brussels and Ross Tieman in London

A STATE-SPONSORED £167 million restructuring package has been proposed for the troubled DAF truck company, but more than half the 6,500 manufacturing jobs in The Netherlands and Belgium are likely to be lost.

Under details presented to the Dutch receivers, the Dutch government would take a 40 per cent stake in a new DAF company, with additional help from the Flemish regional government in Belgium and the Dutch ABN/Amro bank.

In a letter to employees, the Dutch administrators outlined plans to concentrate continental operations on the manufacture of heavy trucks, at Eindhoven, in Holland. Axles and cabs would continue to be supplied for Westerlo, in Belgium. The military vehicles business would be slimmed down and sold, and the hugely indebted leasing company, DAF Finance, would be shut.

Talks are still going on with John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, of Arthur Andersen, the accountant and administrators to the UK company, "to see if — and if so, how — activities in the United Kingdom can be absorbed by 'New DAF'," the letter said.

The Dutch government is believed to be willing to invest 225 million guilders (£84.2 million) in the new company in exchange for a 40 per cent shareholding. ABN/Amro would probably contribute a soft loan of Fl 100 million, possibly convertible into shares, and the Flemish government would give Fl 110 million on similar lines.

Under the plan, the old DAF company will be allowed to fall into liquidation, precluding any dividend for existing shareholders. Dutch government sources estimate that up to Fl 1.8 billion would be needed in start-up capital for a new venture.

Fearing that manufacture of light and medium trucks may be switched to The Netherlands, leaders of British trade unions involved will meet Mr Talbot and Mr McKillop tomorrow to plead for assurances that assembly operations in Leyland, Lancashire, will be retained.

A spokesman for the administrators confirmed that "several" approaches have been received from companies interested in buying parts of the operation.

Over-borrowing means over-capacity



ANTHONY HARRIS

The bond markets remain obsessed with debt — too much government borrowing, too much private debt and a standing temptation for governments to inflate their way out, as they did the last time. Bond yields are discounting some increase in inflation, to a trend rate of 4-5 per cent in Britain (judged by the yield gap between index-linked and conventional issues) 3-3.5 per cent in France and Germany (assuming a long-term real yield of about 3.5 per cent), and quite ridiculous levels in countries under exchange rate pressure. In other words, 3 per cent is now regarded as the long-term floor of inflation worldwide.

This seems quite an optimistic assumption if you look backwards, but is it really? Inflation is well below these ranges even at the retail level in some big economies — Japan, France, and above all, America. Supplier prices, a good indicator of future inflation, are lower in most countries and falling in some. Most investors will brush this aside as a mark of recession (though the US is now in quite clear recovery). But there is a strong argument, put forward in a circular by Brian Reading of Lombard Street Research, for believing that low or even negative inflation is here for the medium term at least. In that case, the markets have got it badly wrong. The core of Reading's argument is over-capacity. Everyone knows there is a lot of it about. You cannot open a newspaper without stubbing your toe on it. The world is full of unsaleable food, Europe is struggling to close more steelworks, banks are shutting branches, airlines cancelling equipment orders. Consultants can see little long-term market for British coal, the Leyland collapse produced the news that one smallish British company, ERF, could fill the gap from existing capacity. And so on. Again, investors may mutter about the effects of recession; but is this plausible? Ford, for example, has given warning for years of a crisis in cars, with world capacity to make four or five million more cars than are likely to be sold. Real oil prices are lower than before Opec was invented. The computer industry has been cutting its own throat for the best part of a decade and real prices have simply collapsed; you can now buy a complete small business system for little more than the real cost of a desktop calculator in the early 1970s. Crises of this kind have haunted the world economy at intervals down the centuries. You can put this one down to whatever long cycle you happen to believe in — or you can look for causes in the more recent past.

There are several rivals to claim your credulity. Floating exchange rates have encouraged multinational companies to duplicate capacity so that they can switch output to low-cost plants. New technology has greatly reduced the demand for energy and bulk materials in relation to the growth of output. The quicker transmission of technology to developing countries has meant that every innovation must be exploited fast, regardless of long-term demand estimates, while the profit is still there (and in some markets, such as facsimile machines, there probably never was any profit). Or you can just put it down to over-optimistic lending and expansion in the last decade. All these explanations are valid, a situation that 14th century philosopher William of Ockham would have deplored. They may be weakish individually, but they add up. This is a nightmare for governments. Do we go for a world-scale Keynesian experiment, in the teeth of current orthodoxy, or retreat into closed trading blocs? Is there a leader bold enough to push through a Marshall plan for the ex-Communist world? It will take years of fumbling to find out.

But for the investor, such a situation is fairly straightforward. In a world of over-capacity, competition holds down prices, inflation remains subdued or absent, but profits are hard to come by. So the prudent investors buy bonds, not equities. They did this the last time round, in the 1930s, and dividend yields (risky) were higher than bond yields. This persisted for so long that when the lines crossed in the 1950s, the excess of gilt yields over equities was known as "the reverse yield gap".

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Charterhouse sale sealed for £235m

By Sarah Bagnall

THE Royal Bank of Scotland's long-awaited sale of 90.1 per cent of Charterhouse, its merchant banking subsidiary, for £235 million, will raise slightly the bank's already healthy tier-one capital ratio but have no effect on its expected earnings for 1993.

The sale to Crédit Commercial de France, a French bank, and Berliner Handels-und Frankfurter Bank, a German bank, follows months of discussions. The final price represents a slight premium to net assets, which at the September year-end stood at £136 million. The premium to net assets is lower than the amount the Royal Bank was thought willing to accept, given its strong capital base but, analysts say, reflects the delay in finding a suitor.

Although the price tag is for £235 million, the bank will only receive cash of £160 million. The remaining £75 million comprises the £50 million special dividend paid by Charterhouse last September and the £25 million value attributed to the various parts of the Charterhouse business retained by the Royal Bank.

The bank is keeping a 9.9 per cent stake, as well as Charterhouse's capital markets division, which contributed £6 million to 1991 profits: the Scottish development capital business with its £27 million investment portfolio, which represents about 10 per cent of Charterhouse's total portfolio: and three unlet London leasehold properties. The change in ownership is not expected to result in any staff cuts or management changes, although the foreign banks will have a representative on Charterhouse's board.

Victor Blank, chief executive and chairman of Charterhouse, said the new partnership was keen to exploit its international link-up but stressed that any expansion of the UK bank's business would be realised without new funds. "Charterhouse is perfectly well capitalised in order to undertake any expansion plans we have at the moment," he said.

The bank purchased Charterhouse in 1985 and invested another £200 million. Profits have been reasonably healthy, with profit before tax and exceptional items of £13.4 million in the year ended September 1992, against £21.2 million in 1991. However, Charterhouse has suffered from some collapses, losing more than £7 million on Lowndes Queensway and £8 million on Response, the textile management buyout from Coloroll.

Alison Deuchars, banking analyst at Lehman Brothers, said the Charterhouse sale would be earnings neutral. Analysts expect pre-tax profits of £143 million-£180 million for 1993, against £20.9 million last time, when the bank announced record bad debt charges of £401 million.

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TED BATH



Expanding horizons: Victor Blank, the Charterhouse chairman and chief executive

MGN faces writ for rent

By Angela Mackay

A WRIT has been issued against Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) demanding payment of £1.6 million of unpaid rent on its Holborn Circus headquarters.

Grant Thornton, the administrative receivers of Robert Maxwell Estates — the company that holds the head lease on the property — issued a writ in the High Court on January 8 after MGN, publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror* and *People*, failed to pay its quarterly rent by Christmas day. Maurice Withall, a partner at Grant Thornton, confirmed that the writ had been issued.

Mr Withall said that up until the September quarter, MGN had paid promptly. MGN said the group had issued its defence, claiming the rent was no longer due because this money was going to be offset against moneys owed to Mirror Group by another Maxwell company.

MGN leases the Holborn building from MCC, which in turn leases it from Robert Maxwell Estates, which is in the hands of receivers.

MGN is now saying it is going to offset the several million pounds it is owed by MCC against the rent. MGN is looking for new rented accommodation for between 1,100 and 1,200 employees.

Shares rise at Menzies on £3.8m profit

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

JOHN Menzies, the Edinburgh newsagent, saw a mixed performance on the high street last summer and Christmas trading that was "adequate but not buoyant".

But Menzies shares rose 16p to 482p on pre-tax profits up from £2.1 million to £3.8 million in the six months to end-October, helped by a £800,000 reduction in the interest bill. The interim dividend rises 0.2p to 3.8p.

Menzies has all but shut down its American Early Learning Centre operation, at a cost within the provisions already taken to cover withdrawal from the business. The remaining stores will cease trading by next month.

The John Menzies chain traded below budget and was hit by poor sales of recorded music. While total sales were 5.5 per cent higher, profits fell. But the British Early Learning Centre operation saw like-for-like sales growth of 10 per cent in the first half and a 15 per cent rise in December.

Full-year figures from the group will be heavily dependent on Christmas trading. The company says consumer caution is still affecting sales, but is confident of a satisfactory increase in full-year results.

Ranald Noel-Paton, managing director, said the company opposed Vat on books and periodicals. He accepted that "in the interests of uniformity, if nothing else", the industry might have to accept the tax but said it should be levied on all products.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Whessoe cash call for takeover in Norway

WHESSOE, the instrumentation and engineering group, is raising £14.3 million via a one-for-four rights issue at 260p a share to help fund a £21.8 million takeover in Norway. Whessoe currently holds call options over 56.8 per cent of Autronica, which manufactures maritime and industrial instrumentation and fire security systems.

Autronica has an erratic profits record, and at end-December 1991 had net assets of £13.8 million. The acquisition is expected to be earnings positive in the first full accounting year. If the bid is not successul, the £14.3 million rights money will be used for Whessoe's further development. A recommendation of the offer is being sought from Autronica's board. Whessoe earned pre-tax profits of £8.3 million on a turnover of £79.7 million in the year ended last September. Trading so far this financial year has been satisfactory, the group said. Tempus, page 25

Airtours issue take-up

OWNERS Abroad, under £207 million takeover threat from Airtours, has claimed the result of the shares issue to fund the bid raises "serious concerns" over the value of the bidder's shares. Airtours says 67.5 per cent of those shares that were not placed firm with institutions were taken up by its shareholders, and the rest went to the institutions with whom they were conditionally placed. An extraordinary Airtours' meeting held to clear the bid was told bookings were improving.

BAT offshoot surges

SOUZA Cruz, BAT's 75 per cent-owned Brazilian subsidiary, saw net profits surge in the year ended December, on improved profitability at its tobacco operations and reduced trading losses in paper and pulp. Net profit per share was 6,819.96 cruzeiros (28p) against Cr2,203.28. The total dividend rises from Cr1,403.06 to Cr3,846.90 a share. Souza's results need adjustment to conform with UK accounting standards before being consolidated into BAT's results, due on March 10.

Black lifts payout

PETER BLACK, the personal care, footwear and accessories group, is lifting the interim dividend to 0.93p (0.77p) a share on pre-tax profits up from £4.52 million to £5.73 million in the six months to November 28. Turnover was £61.1 million (£60.5 million). The group is confident that the progressive trend can be maintained. Borrowings fell by £6.9 million to £3.6 million, which in turn saw the interest charge for the half year ease from £1.24 million to £419,000.

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Global Gth Sec	59.49	63.28	+0.07	3.14
Ethical Growth	63.79	67.86	+0.02	2.84
High Inc Equity	149.00	158.50†	...	5.36
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European Inc	78.47	83.23	+1.19	1.61
Exempt	894.40	922.90†	...	3.32
Extra Inc	42.05	45.57	+0.04	5.52
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High Inc	372.80	396.50	+0.30	4.35
Equity Inc	206.70	220.90†	+0.40	4.16
High Yield	230.20	246.00	+0.60	4.22
Balanced	627.30	670.50	+1.90	2.83
American Inc	48.52	51.86†	+0.38	3.30
Wld Asset Val	37.48	40.06	+0.22	1.92
Japan	141.10	150.10†	+1.60	0.01
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St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	308.60	328.30	+0.80	3.00
-do- Inc	221.20	235.40	+0.70	3.00
Higher Inc Acc	549.50	584.60	+2.30	4.16
-do- Inc	339.00	360.70	+1.50	4.16
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	172.10	181.70	+0.40	6.62
-do- Inc	92.71	97.92	+0.22	6.62
Nth America	280.80	298.80	-1.20	...
Far East	250.20	266.20	+1.80	0.30
Europe	214.70	228.40	+2.80	1.30
General Inc	417.70	444.40	+1.30	2.67
-do- Acc	454.80	483.90	+1.40	2.67
Brit Excell	62.91	66.93	+0.22	3.07
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.47	68.59	+0.35	5.19
Brit Fndmtls Acc	82.13	87.38	+0.31	5.19
Global Opps	68.64	73.03	-0.34	0.01
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Euro Gth Inc	112.50	119.10	+2.10	1.22
Extra Inc	103.10	110.30	...	5.44
General	236.70	253.20	+0.30	3.41
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Australia	...	...	...	...
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Eastern	173.70	187.30	+1.10	1.70
Equity Income	76.96	81.87	+0.26	6.70
European Gth	222.80	237.10	+2.90	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	147.90	158.50	+2.50	2.00
Exempt	80.61	82.75†	+0.42	3.90
German Growth	52.89	56.47	+0.15	0.80
Global Growth	108.20	115.60	+0.50	...
Japan Growth	156.80	168.10†	+0.40	...
Japan Sunrise	131.70	140.60	+0.80	...
Portfolio	115.70	123.90	+0.40	3.40
-do- Acc	204.40	219	+0.60	3.40
UK Growth	74.31	79.05	+0.18	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	75.06	80.27	+0.70	2.00
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-do- Inc	93.54	100.04	+0.13	2.39
Global Bond	29.54	31.34	+0.18	5.78
High Yield Acc	51.00	54.55	+0.14	4.52
-do- Inc	37.38	39.98†	+0.11	4.52
Smllr Cos Acc	83.56	89.37	+0.17	1.81
-do- Inc	77.28	82.65	+0.16	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	60.68	64.90	-0.05	0.29
-do- Inc	59.55	63.69†	-0.05	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	96.32	103.01	+1.04	1.78
-do- Inc	95.43	102.07	+1.03	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.30	36.68	+0.12	1.54
Pacific Growth	86.51	92.52	+0.61	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.45	91.39	+0.40	1.09
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Financial	111.90	119.20	-0.30	3.73
Smaller Cos Acc	259.20	276.10	-2.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	151.80	161.70	+1.30	1.42
High Inc	72.12	77.17	+0.02	7.15
Income	124.70	132.80	-0.30	4.37
Mngd P folio Inc	91.46	97.41†	-0.43	2.14
-do- Acc	171.20	182.40	-0.80	...
North American	113.00	120.40†	-0.70	0.18
Orient	98.46	105.90	-1.60	...
Recovery	36.28	39.00	+0.22	3.00
German	41.08	44.05	+1.42	0.09
Intl Growth	33.33	35.50	+0.29	0.22
European Inc	22.43	24.15	+0.50	0.47
Conv General	19.33	20.68	-0.02	8.07
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
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Fellowship Tst	63.51	67.57	-0.39	1.18
-do- Acc	70.81	75.34	-0.44	1.18
Income Fund 5	208.20	221.50	+1.00	4.02
-do- Acc	473.30	503.60	+2.20	4.02
Inv Portfolio	66.54	68.96	+0.05	2.15
-do- Acc	75.14	77.87	+0.05	2.15
Smaller Cos	116.00	123.40	+1.10	2.15
-do- Acc	139.70	148.20	+1.30	2.15
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Income	52.02	55.69†	+0.12	4.27
Far East	40.87	43.71	+0.39	0.36
North American	88.52	94.68	-1.08	0.01
Global	84.16	90.01	+0.09	0.62
European	66.03	70.62	+1.26	1.32
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-do- Acc	145.90	155.30	+0.70	0.06
European	66.60	70.51	+0.82	1.07
-do- Acc	69.03	73.09	+0.86	1.07
Far East Gen	48.30	51.39	+0.51	...
-do- Acc	48.30	51.39	+0.51	...
Glenfriars	242.90	258.50	+1.00	1.31
-do- Acc	272.80	290.30	+1.10	1.31
Growth	372.80	398.80	-0.60	2.55
-do- Acc	634.00	678.10	-1.10	2.55
Income Growth	362.00	385.20†	-2.00	4.11
-do- Acc	481.30	512.10	-2.80	4.11
Master Portfolio	9353.0	9669.0†	+24.00	2.84
-do- Acc	10773.0	11136.0	+27.00	2.84
Special Sits	84.78	90.20†	-0.06	2.53
-do- Acc	99.23	105.57	-0.08	2.53
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1173.0	1210.0	+2.00	4.62
-do- Acc	1358.0	1401.0	+3.00	4.62
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Capital	525.50	560.80	+4.90	2.51
Eurotrack 100	129.40	137.50†	+1.40	1.74
Euro Gth	79.73	84.85†	+1.12	1.85
Far East Growth	78.88	84.18†	+0.59	0.57
Global Bond	23.09	24.33†	+0.10	6.53
Hong Kong	68.42	73.01	+1.60	0.69
Income	498.80	532.30	+3.60	4.73
Intl Growth	72.12	76.96	+0.45	1.06
Japan Growth	205.70	219.50	+1.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.03	27.77†	+0.14	...
Japan Index	60.39	64.45†	+0.09	0.31
Nth American	435.50	464.70	+0.10	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	50.27	53.65	+1.04	...
The Footsie Fd	106.80	112.70	+0.90	2.53
Tiger Index	134.30	143.30	+0.60	0.99
Triple Index	100.40	107.10	+0.40	2.86
UK Index	121.00	129.10†	+0.90	3.34
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.49	91.30	...	1.00
European P folio	70.75	75.16	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	48.92	51.92	+0.24	...
Pacific P folio	87.57	94.17	+0.43	2.43
Cazenove P folio	67.81	72.53†	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.07	65.45	...	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	+4.60	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	+1.15	9.50
Deposit	6.60	6.77	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	-1.82	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	+13.51	...
Deposit	6.40	6.56	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	+0.36	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	+2.05	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.97	66.28	+0.95	2.44
Beckman Intl	79.58	84.01	+2.94	3.37
Friars Hse Inc	176.83	190.14	+3.91	6.52
Friars Hse Cap	246.08	264.60	+6.23	2.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	112.59	119.78	+0.59	...
European Gth	93.00	98.94	-1.56	1.32
Far East Gth	92.06	97.94	+0.65	0.37
Japan Gth Acc	33.06	35.17	+0.30	...
Managed	60.25	64.10	+0.39	3.00
-do- Acc	72.76	77.40	+0.47	3.03
Mthly Inc Plus	46.60	49.57	+0.06	8.32
Smaller Cos	32.99	35.10†	+1.53	2.09
-do- Acc	37.14	39.51	+1.72	2.09
UK General	67.54	71.85	+0.26	2.76
-do- Acc	80.97	86.14	+0.30	2.76
Wwide Bd	64.70	68.83	+0.91	6.24
-do- Acc	81.07	86.25	+1.14	6.24
Wwide Sp Sits	53.30	57.01†	+0.57	0.27
-do- Acc	55.41	59.26	+0.59	0.27
Quilter General	120.15	127.82	+0.50	2.53
-do- Acc	132.25	140.69	+0.55	2.53
Quilter Income	91.20	97.02†	+0.22	3.93
-do- Acc	112.40	119.57	+0.28	3.93
Quilter Intl	124.03	131.95	+1.41	0.45
-do- Acc	125.74	133.77	+1.44	0.45
Quilter UK Spec	69.12	73.53	+0.34	2.50
-do- Acc	91.44	97.28	+0.45	2.50
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	98.17	104.44	+0.20	1.85
Fixed Conv	39.67	42.20†	+0.03	8.37
-do- Acc	103.50	110.11	+0.09	8.37
Equity Inc	140.24	149.19†	+0.29	4.14
-do- Acc	450.96	479.74	+0.94	4.14
High Yield	114.98	122.32	+0.19	5.25
-do- Acc	430.33	457.80	+0.70	5.25
Preference	46.71	49.69†	-0.06	7.09
-do- Acc	236.31	251.39	-0.32	7.09
PPT Europe	147.88	157.30	-2.53	0.62
PPT Global Bnd	82.13	87.37	+0.97	5.00
PPT Gold Com	49.19	52.33	+0.99	...
PPT Thai	57.83	61.52	+0.01	...
PPT Hong Kong	90.33	96.10	-1.12	0.55
PPT Japan	91.25	97.07	+0.80	...
PPT N Amer	156.82	166.83	+0.68	...
PPT S'pore Mly	99.83	106.20	-0.50	...
PPT UK	114.14	121.43	+0.40	1.50
PPT Cash	90.91	90.91	-0.03	6.30
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	72.97	77.63	+0.42	1.02
Japanese Acc	47.24	50.25	+0.33	...
UK Balncd Inc	123.40	131.30	+0.70	2.56
-do- Acc	144.10	153.30	+0.90	2.56
UK Growth Acc	203.00	216.00	+0.60	2.24
UK High Inc	130.80	139.10	-0.70	6.83
-do- Acc	154.30	164.20	-0.80	6.83
N America Acc	119.30	126.90	-0.40	0.31
European Acc	149.90	159.50	+3.10	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.62	63.28	+0.02	8.93
-do- Acc	96.21	102.10	...	8.93
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.65	48.56	+0.01	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.22	75.77	+0.56	1.46
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	117.10	124.60	+0.50	...
UK Smlr Cos	178.40	189.60	+0.20	1.32
Eurofund	37.46	39.60	+0.49	1.01
Mngd Exempt	161.20	168.00	+3.60	3.12
Growth Inc	210.30	223.40†	+1.00	4.03
High Dist	137.40	146.00	+0.80	5.92
International	313.50	333.10	+2.00	0.98
Intl Income	79.73	85.11†	+0.46	3.05
Pacific	55.83	59.11	+0.42	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	53.36	56.72	+0.47	...
Tokyo	161.10	171.30	+0.90	...
Japan Exempt	90.74	93.24	+7.55	0.54
Sm Jap Exempt	437.40	449.40	+27.40	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	167.70	178.40	...	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.86	109.33	+0.55	3.63
High Income	118.76	125.01	+0.04	5.07
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.18	147.56†	-0.45	2.34
Special Sits	83.77	88.18	+0.13	3.31
North American	111.34	117.20	-0.04	1.06
Far Eastern	207.61	218.54	+2.59	1.61
Intl Growth	89.29	93.99	+0.74	1.54
European	62.52	65.81	-0.16	2.22
Smaller Cos	68.88	72.51	+0.11	2.37
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	226.40	240.10	+0.10	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.40
European Tst	108.00	114.90	+0.90	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.53	97.96	+1.75	0.66
Far Eastern	112.90	120.90	+1.20	...
Oseas Income	87.80	94.02	+0.94	2.66
UK Growth	90.45	96.74†	+0.18	1.37
UK Income	101.40	108.50	+0.50	3.90†
US Smaller Cos	235.20	251.50	-0.60	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	448.00	479.00	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	457.60	489.30	-0.70	...
Capital	282.10	300.00	+1.40	2.34
-do- Acc	389.40	414.20	+2.10	2.24
Contl Smllr Cos	44.70	48.14	+0.77	1.42
-do- Acc	46.25	49.81	+0.79	1.42
Convertible	107.60	114.40†	+0.30	6.07
-do- Acc	199.30	211.90†	+0.70	6.07
European	96.25	102.90	+1.40	0.85
-do- Acc	99.46	106.30	+1.40	0.85
Extra Income	281.00	298.90†	+0.60	4.46
-do- Acc	393.40	418.40†	+0.60	4.46
Financial	107.30	115.20	+0.40	0.54
-do- Acc	111.60	119.90	+0.40	0.54
Health Fund Inc	130.20	139.10	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	130.20	139.10	-0.50	...
Income Tst	174.30	185.40	+0.60	4.10
-do- Acc	242.90	258.30	+0.60	4.10
Intl Growth	308.40	329.70	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	342.50	366.10	+1.30	...
Japan Gen	136.40	146.00	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	137.80	147.50	+2.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.65	94.36	+0.44	1.06
-do- Acc	92.56	97.43	+0.44	1.06
Monthly Income	141.00	149.90	-0.40	4.59
Recovery	291.30	311.50†	+1.40	0.60
-do- Acc	340.20	363.80†	+1.60	0.60
Gilt Gth Tst	60.57	62.45	+0.04	6.94
-do- Acc	76.03	78.40	+0.05	6.94
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	342.79	364.67	+0.38	3.01
-do- Acc	692.13	736.31	+0.77	3.01
Euro Gth Dist	102.94	109.51†	+1.80	1.02
-do- Acc	106.01	112.78†	+1.85	1.02
Fixed Int Dist	129.46	136.94	+0.20	6.68
-do- Acc	214.89	227.29	+0.34	6.68
Intl Gth Dist	73.24	77.91	+0.44	0.79
-do- Acc	75.75	80.58	+0.44	0.79
Nth Amer Dist	174.42	184.92†	-0.27	0.65
-do- Acc	189.31	200.71†	-0.30	0.65
Pac Basin Dist	214.55	228.24†	+1.32	0.34
-do- Acc	217.84	231.75†	+1.34	0.34
Stewardship Dist	291.46	310.06	+0.87	1.91
-do- Acc	344.81	366.82	+1.03	1.91
Stwd Inc Dist	59.20	62.98†	+0.35	3.97
-do- Acc	72.64	77.28†	+0.44	3.97
N Am Stwd Dist	98.52	104.81†	+0.31	0.03
-do- Acc	104.21	110.86†	+0.31	0.03
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	143.20	153.20	-3.60	...
European	397.20	421.40	-6.00	0.94
Far East General	191.30	203.80	-1.40	0.32
Germany	94.26	99.80	+0.94	0.41
Global Assets In	65.75	70.32	+0.41	2.19
Global Assets Ac	68.89	73.68	+0.43	2.16
Income	108.40	116.00	-0.20	7.27
International	250.40	267.90	+1.30	0.98
Intl Income	75.61	80.41	+0.71	4.59
Japan General	298.50	316.10	+2.60	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.23	48.38†	-0.09	6.27
UK Capital Inc	148.90	159.30†	-0.40	4.14
-do- Acc	254.60	272.30	-0.90	4.03
Uk Spec Sits	67.68	72.39	+0.21	1.69
US General	117.40	125.00	-0.60	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	113.40	121.30	+0.80	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Service: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.55	45.51†	-0.04	1.27
Cash Trust*	127.21	127.21†	+0.04	5.51
Pract Inv Inc	100.85	108.15	+0.18	4.10
-do- Acc	215.30	230.88	+0.37	4.10
UK Smaller Cos	96.00	102.95	+2.60	1.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.02	25.69†	-0.26	8.68
High Inc	30.08	32.17†	+0.06	5.60
UK Equity Inc	122.96	131.51†	+0.33	4.30
Global Bond	29.98	31.07	+0.29	5.12
International Funds				
Gold Intl	62.92	67.47	+0.81	1.73
Frontier Markets	41.36	44.35	-0.12	0.29
Global Inc Gth	119.59	127.68	+1.25	2.75
Uk Intl	110.06	117.71†	+0.38	1.17
Overseas Funds				
American	133.27	142.23	+0.58	0.56
European	82.10	87.09	+1.18	0.94
Euro Sel Opps	93.15	99.07†	+1.52	1.33
American Emerg	79.70	85.47	-0.06	...
Hong Kong	99.50	106.70	+1.96	2.05
Japan	163.61	174.07	+1.31	...
Pacific Growth	137.38	147.32	+1.51	0.52
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0520				
Intl Growth	119.59	127.90	+0.44	0.95
American Gth	123.95	132.57	-2.66	0.35
European Gth	68.29	73.03	+1.30	0.82
German Horizn	47.60	50.79	+0.72	0.92
Japan Gth	62.12	66.44	+0.74	...
Pacific Inc	121.22	129.66	-0.80	3.22
Pacific Strategy	100.06	107.01	+0.09	...
UK Prog Inc	69.40	73.27	+0.93	6.11
Gt British Cos	47.32	49.88	+0.01	2.00
UK Small Cos	43.67	46.71	+0.22	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.90	129.90	+0.10	5.97
Gilt Fixed	119.00	126.20	...	6.66
Growth Equity	283.20	302.50	-0.10	2.36
Guardhill	419.40	448.00	-0.20	2.58
Income Trust	103.00	110.00	+0.30	3.64
International	150.70	161.00	+1.10	0.32
Japan Trust	101.00	107.80†	+0.70	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	261.10	278.90	-0.60	0.35
Pacific	323.00	345.00	+2.50	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	332.10	354.80	+7.30	0.65
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.94	35.98†	...	1.83
-do- Acc	35.52	37.66	...	1.83
Inc Adv Inc	29.00	30.75	...	4.24
-do- Acc	29.90	31.70	...	4.24
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	66.48	71.22	+0.91	0.60
Equity Income	110.10	117.10	-0.20	3.78
European	132.70	140.30	+1.80	1.47
Intl Situation	71.60	76.17	+0.61	...
Japanese	110.70	117.70	+0.60	...
North American	105.40	111.80	+0.70	0.06
Scandinavian	101.10	106.80	-0.30	0.58
Smaller Cos	29.14	31.00†	+0.07	2.58
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.16	101.79	+0.71	...
Asian Enterprise	114.85	123.09	+0.61	1.25
Australian	123.80	132.33	+1.58	1.45
European	354.74	375.86	+6.59	1.20
European Inc	67.77	71.75†	+1.12	3.39
Euro Sml Co	116.42	123.95	+2.37	0.98
Extra Income	250.91	267.11	-0.03	5.41
Family of Funds	66.75	71.28†	-0.02	1.21
Fixed Interest	55.20	59.03	+0.05	9.41
Global Resour	78.61	84.37†	+0.79	1.85
High Inc	270.77	289.44†	+0.02	4.75
Income Gth	228.50	243.34	+0.43	3.87
-do- Acc	575.02	612.38	+1.10	3.87
International	222.96	237.23	+1.31	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	183.09	194.78	+1.26	...
Japan	159.02	169.02†	+1.91	...
N Amer	242.03	257.57†	+1.02	0.30
Pacific Smllr Cos	154.96	166.94	+1.62	1.33
Pref Gilt	45.33	49.26†	+0.06	9.79
Smaller Cos Div	152.17	165.85†	+0.21	4.50
Special Sits	250.84	268.39	+0.10	1.47
-do- Acc	384.16	411.05	+0.16	1.47
Best of British	54.43	58.37	+0.23	2.32
Spirit of the East	52.79	56.29	+0.28	0.75
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	85.77	91.73	+0.18	2.32
Capital	150.00	160.40	+0.40	2.45
Dollar	316.30	338.20	+0.10	0.28
European	190.30	203.50	+2.30	0.57
Far East	219.10	234.30†	+2.40	0.66
Financial	636.50	680.70	+0.70	2.63
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.40	26.38†	...	8.24
High Yield	97.62	104.40	+0.20	5.26
Income	129.90	138.90	+0.30	3.62
Intl	204.10	218.20†	-1.50	0.51
Japan Tech	54.49	58.27†	+0.65	...
Nat Resources	54.09	57.85	-0.74	0.57
Security	284.70	304.40	+0.60	2.19
Smaller Cos	102.30	109.40	-0.10	1.79
Special Sits	128.70	137.60	...	2.38
US Smaller Cos	75.00	80.21	-0.78	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	244.20	257.10	+2.00	1.40
Capital Gwth	102.50	107.90	...	2.48
Inv Trusts	122.80	129.30	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.89	24.07†	-0.01	1.81
Special Features	26.22	27.85	+0.11	1.62
-do- Acc	30.75	32.67	+0.14	1.62
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.51	55.14	-0.22	2.70
Assets Earnings	68.75	73.04†	+0.19	2.05
do Acc	80.92	85.97†	+0.21	2.05
Managed Invest	80.86	86.40†	+0.34	1.38
Rupert Children	74.24	79.20	+0.17	1.77
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.04	50.04†	-0.02	5.57
Extra Inc	76.18	81.62†	+0.25	5.34
Gilt	27.38	28.83†	+0.04	7.20
Income Gth	37.39	40.00	+0.13	3.76
MIMstar	75.72	77.71	+0.04	8.33
Preference	17.74	18.84	+0.02	7.09
UK Income	300.10	321.10	+0.60	3.58
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.45	53.72	+0.01	1.70
Property Shares	55.83	59.31	+0.25	2.19
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	137.60	144.70	+0.70	3.71
European Acc	109.00	115.50	+1.20	1.91
European Dist	103.70	109.90	+1.10	1.95
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	51.51	54.78	+0.11	1.00
European Perf	105.00	111.40	+2.50	1.26
-do- Acc	107.00	113.50	+2.60	1.26
Euro Small Cos	19.59	20.89	+0.43	0.82
French Growth	65.96	70.17†	+0.61	0.66
-do- Acc	70.30	74.79†	+0.65	0.65
Hong K/China	59.92	64.56†	+0.50	1.64
Intl Growth	48.44	51.46	-0.20	1.23
-do- Acc	48.44	51.46	+0.20	1.23
Japan Perf	26.02	27.62	+0.18	...
Accum Units	26.02	27.62	+0.18	...
Japan Smllr Cos	27.62	29.33	+0.24	...
Singapore Asean	68.94	74.66	-0.74	0.64
-do- Acc	69.36	75.13	-0.73	0.64
South East Asia	200.20	216.00	-0.90	0.94
US Smllr Cos	114.70	121.80	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	115.90	123.10	-0.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	80.95	86.19	+0.60	2.72
Intl Bond	57.83	58.57	+0.36	6.54
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.58	68.92†	+0.02	5.94
Extra Income	50.97	54.22	+0.04	7.10
Gilt Yield	118.20	124.70	+0.20	8.18
Global Income	187.10	199.00†	+1.49	4.30
High Yield	130.20	138.50†	+2.01	6.30
Smllr Cos Div	43.70	46.49†	-0.21	5.94
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	92.21	98.10	-2.20	...
North American	78.55	83.56	+0.73	0.23
European	128.20	136.40	+1.50	0.87
Euro Special	76.10	80.96	+0.87	1.03
General	261.30	278.00†	-1.90	3.46
Japan	312.30	332.20	+4.30	...
Japanese Special	165.10	175.60	+0.20	...
Master Acc	210.80	224.30	+0.90	1.47
Pacific	233.10	248.00	+1.10	0.38
Smaller Cos	94.00	100.00	-0.15	2.31
UK Equity Gth	33.28	35.40†	+0.09	2.80
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	71.69	76.27†	+0.96	0.96
Extra Income	23.63	25.14†	-0.02	3.77
Far East	22.46	23.89	+0.20	1.02
Income Gwth	71.16	75.70	-0.75	2.95
Intl Growth	48.83	51.95	+0.39	0.99
Japan	50.41	53.63†	-0.43	...
Maximum Dist*	100.40	102.40†	-0.10	8.15
N Amer Equity	41.63	44.29	+0.05	0.40
UK Equity	84.08	89.45	-0.26	2.85
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.95	55.27†	+0.17	4.81
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	417.90	444.60	+1.40	2.96
Equity Acc	787.00	837.20	+2.60	2.96
Equity Income	88.62	94.28†	-0.13	5.21
European	93.82	99.81†	-1.20	1.65
Far Eastern	153.30	163.10	-0.20	0.36
Fixed Interest	49.60	52.77	+0.09	8.00
Gilt	89.97	95.41	-0.02	6.80
Global Growth	61.83	65.78	+0.44	1.03
Intl Bond	56.18	59.77†	-0.78	5.40
Japanese	53.92	57.36	+0.32	...
Overseas Equity	90.36	96.13	+0.62	0.86
Pacific Gth	75.45	80.27	-0.14	1.49
North American	143.80	153.00†	-0.80	1.10
UK Recovery	74.34	79.09	-0.33	2.60
UK Smllr Cos	97.38	103.60†	-0.30	2.04
Worldwide	72.58	77.21	-0.30	2.67
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	311.70	331.70	-0.30	3.12
-do- Acc	675.20	718.40	-0.60	3.12
Contl Euro Gth	50.12	52.76	+0.96	1.49
-do- Acc	53.01	55.80	+1.02	1.49
Extra Inc	231.80	246.60	-3.70	4.19
-do- Acc	563.50	599.50	-9.20	4.19
German Gth	95.54	103.80	-2.80	0.24
-do- Acc	103.40	108.90	+2.90	0.24
Income	441.80	469.80	+0.30	3.81
-do- Acc	1118.0	1190.0	...	3.81
Japan Growth	74.60	79.37	+0.67	0.01
-do- Acc	74.87	79.65	+0.69	0.01
Master Trust	50.71	53.95	+0.07	1.39
-do- Acc	55.15	58.68	+0.08	1.39
N American Gen	195.70	208.20	-1.30	0.01
-do- Acc	226.00	240.50	-1.60	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	143.00	152.30	-1.50	0.01
-do- Acc	145.90	155.30	-1.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	185.90	197.80	+4.10	0.50
-do- Acc	196.40	209.00	+4.30	0.50
Small Cos Rec	295.60	311.20	+10.30	2.34
-do- Acc	381.30	401.40	+13.20	2.34
UK Growth	78.11	83.10	+1.47	2.42
-do- Acc	91.08	96.90	+1.72	2.42
Worldwide Gth	268.00	285.20	+1.00	0.25
-do- Acc	394.90	420.20	+1.40	0.25
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	76.09	81.64	+0.04	3.00
Income	59.16	63.48	+0.54	6.00
International	54.34	58.31	+0.33	0.80
American	62.10	66.63	+0.16	0.30
Japan	39.92	42.83	+0.30	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.24	57.12	+0.09	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	401.40	424.30†	-2.10	0.77
-do- Acc	495.30	523.50	-2.60	0.77
American Rec	417.30	442.30	-2.00	0.57
-do- Acc	477.50	506.10	-2.30	0.51
Am Sm Co Acc	123.40	130.60	-1.30	0.10
Australia Acc	128.00	136.40	-0.20	1.77
Capital	602.60	637.30†	-1.00	3.20
-do- Acc	664.90	703.20	-1.00	3.20
Commodity Acc	370.30	391.50	-1.10	1.39
Compnd Gth	787.90	832.80	-2.00	3.36
Dividend	32.90	35.20	-0.10	4.72
-do- Acc	128.20	137.10	-0.40	4.72
Equity Inc	280.30	299.90	-0.60	5.76
European Div	55.50	59.30†	+0.40	5.05
-do- Acc	62.80	67.00	+0.50	5.05
European Gen	365.40	386.40†	+4.10	1.67
-do- Acc	456.50	482.70	+5.10	1.67
Extra Yield	348.20	372.60	-1.80	5.03
-do- Acc	1000.8	1070.9	-5.00	5.03
Far Eastern	248.30	262.60	-1.10	1.57
-do- Acc	325.70	344.50	-1.40	1.57
Fund of Inv	481.40	509.10	+1.90	2.43
-do- Acc	868.70	918.70	+3.50	2.43
General	51.00	53.90†	-0.20	4.00
-do- Acc	134.30	142.00	-0.50	4.00
Gilt Fxd Int	60.60	60.60†	...	9.04
do Acc	149.60	149.80	...	9.04
Gold	33.40	35.70†	+0.10	2.32
-do- Acc	39.10	41.80	+0.20	2.32
High Inc	23.00	24.30	...	5.22
-do- Acc	84.90	89.70	-0.30	5.22
Intl Growth	64.80	68.70†	-0.30	1.10
-do- Acc	111.60	118.40	-0.50	1.10
Intl Inc	87.30	93.00	-0.20	5.26
Japan Gen Acc	39.50	41.70	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	112.40	118.80	-0.10	...
Midland	50.40	53.30	+0.10	4.58
-do- Acc	159.80	168.80	+0.40	4.58
Recovery	33.60	35.90†	-0.20	3.49
-do- Acc	52.80	56.40	-0.30	3.49
Second Gen	57.10	60.40†	-0.20	3.97
-do- Acc	139.60	147.70	-0.60	3.97
Smaller Cos	55.00	58.20†	+0.10	3.84
-do- Acc	104.30	110.40	+0.20	3.84
Trustee	36.30	38.40	...	4.33
Charibond 3	1108.94	...	-0.10	9.90
Charifund 2	596.50	602.50†	-2.10	5.27
Pension ex 1	836.00	858.90	...	4.63
NAACIF Inc 3	144.50	...	...	8.03
-do- Acc 3	11049.0	...	-1.00	8.00
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	130.40	139.40†	-0.29	2.58
-do- Acc	144.80	154.80†	-0.29	2.58
UK Income	107.40	114.80†	+0.26	3.13
-do- Acc	119.70	128.00†	+0.26	3.13
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	73.99	79.13†	-0.36	0.61
Far East (Pacific)	116.00	123.10	-0.10	0.47
Income Growth	68.58	72.80†	+0.13	4.45
European	63.10	66.98†	-0.93	2.06
Nth American	58.66	62.27	-0.45	1.16
UK Growth	73.74	78.27	-0.52	1.51
Intl Growth	84.51	90.48	-0.20	0.57
Charities	104.80	111.20†	...	4.71
Intl Income	62.58	66.43	+0.08	4.82
Japan	39.53	41.96	+0.03	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	197.80	210.00	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	211.40	224.40	-0.60	...
Cash	100.40	100.40†	+0.10	6.52
-do- Acc	127.70	127.70†	...	6.52
European Gth	191.30	202.90	+2.80	0.34
-do- Acc	204.80	217.20	+2.80	0.34
General	448.60	478.60	-0.60	2.67
-do- Acc	841.40	897.50	-0.80	2.67
Global Dist	134.10	141.00	+1.10	5.34
-do- Acc	147.00	154.40	+1.00	5.34
Income	135.03	143.90	-0.10	5.06
-do- Acc	194.20	207.00	-0.20	5.06
International	381.20	384.60	+1.90	1.08
-do- Acc	479.10	510.10	+2.80	1.08
Japan	147.70	156.70†	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	151.70	160.80†	+1.10	...
New Europe	128.90	137.50†	+0.70	1.45
-do- Acc	130.90	139.70†	+0.60	1.45
Recovery	276.30	294.80	+0.20	3.25
-do- Acc	345.20	368.30	+0.20	3.25
European Inc	72.99	77.48†	+0.86	3.03
-do- Acc	92.59	98.30†	+1.09	3.03
Brit Blue Chip	70.18	74.77	-0.15	3.57
-do- Acc	82.17	87.54	-0.19	3.57
Portfolio	71.90	76.49	+0.08	3.16
-do- Acc	80.56	85.71	+0.09	3.16
Gold General	57.07	60.88	+0.26	3.99
-do- Acc	57.85	61.71	+0.26	3.99
Pacific	82.81	88.33	+0.81	0.65
-do- Acc	87.53	93.37	+0.85	0.65
UK Smaller Cos	48.56	51.80	+0.03	1.72
-do- Acc	54.00	57.61	-0.03	1.72
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 520 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.42	60.34	+0.25	3.69
-do- Acc	56.42	60.34	+0.25	3.69
British Dist	76.94	82.29	+0.31	2.41
-do- Acc	84.99	90.90	+0.35	2.41
European Gth	165.50	176.60	+2.60	0.35
-do- Acc	207.20	221.70	+3.30	0.35
Extra High Inc	66.52	71.14†	-0.10	6.79
-do- Acc	115.70	123.70	-0.20	6.79
FT-SE 100 Index	46.75	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	46.75	50.00	...	...
Gilt Fixed Int	56.03	58.39	+0.08	7.11
-do- Acc	145.40	151.60	+0.20	7.11
High Yield	210.90	225.10	+0.40	5.26
-do- Acc	483.00	516.60	+1.10	5.26
Income	267.50	286.10†	+0.70	4.11
-do- Acc	555.90	594.50	+1.40	4.11
Japan Gth	265.40	283.80	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	280.10	299.50	+3.20	...
Mandarin Acc	88.05	94.77	+0.93	1.33
North American	171.00	182.90	+1.30	0.72
-do- Acc	214.90	229.80	+1.80	0.72
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	262.90	280.00†	-0.70	0.45
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00†	-0.37	5.82
Deposit Acc	121.22	121.22†	+0.03	5.82
Euro Gth Acc	250.50	267.20†	+5.70	...
Europa	113.30	121.90†	+1.50	...
Intl Gth	158.30	169.00	+1.20	...
Japan Tracker	58.37	61.84	+0.37	...
UK Equity Inc	139.60	150.40	+0.50	5.22
-do- Acc	168.10	181.10	+0.60	5.22
UK Ind Tracker	138.40	148.20†	-0.10	3.57
US Eq Ind Trkr	198.70	210.60	+0.70	1.25
-do- Acc	209.10	221.60	+0.80	1.25
Asian Trader	134.40	146.00	+1.80	1.05
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	170.80	183.00†	+0.50	2.54
European	59.30	60.67	+0.80	1.26
Olympiad	51.84	53.12†	+0.06	0.76
Global Bond	46.89	47.40†	+0.08	7.14
Smaller Cos	58.39	61.03	+0.28	2.04
Equity Income	90.57	93.11	+0.10	4.82
UK Growth	81.59	84.20	-0.19	1.62
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	49.34	52.62	+0.20	0.72
Australian Acc	268.90	288.50	+3.40	...
Conscience	61.88	66.04	+0.27	1.70
-do- Acc	66.44	70.90	+0.29	1.70
European	166.10	177.10	+2.10	1.22
-do- Acc	177.20	189	+2.40	1.22
Extra Income	70.35	75.08	+0.14	5.69
-do- Acc	105.70	112.80	+0.30	5.69
Far East Gth	138.20	147.70	+1.40	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.64	59.96	+0.05	7.69
Gold	26.98	29.01	+0.12	...
-do- Acc	29.05	31.23	+0.12	...
Income	50.35	53.70	+0.07	5.31
-do- Acc	151	161	+0.30	5.31
International	28.32	30.38	+0.23	0.89
-do- Acc	40.69	43.65	+0.34	0.89
Jap Sm Cos Acc	246	262.40	+2.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	147.10	157.70	-0.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.44	25.20	+0.03	2.06
Special Sits	31.29	33.64	...	1.81
-do- Acc	35.71	38.39	+0.01	1.81
Tokyo	64.85	69.17	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	65.50	69.86	+0.42	...
US Smllr Co Acc	109.10	116.60	-2.00	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.75	69.95	+0.31	2.98
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.79	78.09	+0.03	6.90
N&P Higher Inc	176.90	187.70†	+1.00	5.09
N&P UK Income	96.31	103.01	+0.15	4.20
N&P Intl	83.68	89.98	+0.33	2.20
N&P Smaller Cos	69.00	73.80	+2.28	1.91
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	155.57	165.51	+1.37	3.08
Global	261.31	277.99	+3.73	1.12
Income	191.52	203.75†	+1.11	4.48
Intl Bond	124.91	132.89	+0.93	7.43
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.40	142.50	+0.10	2.82
-do- Acc	234.40	246.70	+0.20	2.82
Income	211.80	225.70	+0.40	3.87
Intl Equity	208.00	219.10	+1.60	1.17
-do- Acc	225.60	239.90	+1.80	1.17
Equity	211.50	224.90	...	2.68
-do- Acc	428.70	456.00	+0.10	2.68
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.32	70.53	+0.16	2.16
UK Income	57.66	61.33†	+0.03	3.43
UK Smllr Co Acc	65.05	70.16	+0.20	1.84
New Europe Acc	60.40	64.25	+0.94	1.68
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	80.66	86.22	+0.89	0.24
PEP Gth Inc	94.24	100.80	+0.49	1.24
Intl Gth	444.18	475.08	+1.74	1.36
Income	275.65	294.81	+0.76	4.23
W wide Recov	275.49	294.66	+0.71	0.98
American Gth	205.43	219.72	+0.29	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.51	181.30	+1.46	0.24
Far East Gth	170.31	182.15	+0.70	0.36
European Gth	107.35	114.82	+0.84	1.21
UK Growth	70.86	75.79	+0.05	3.17
High Income	75.96	80.82	+0.31	5.13
Japanese Gth	156.76	167.15	-1.89	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	166.30	176.90	-0.70	0.81
High Income	105.70	112.50	+1.70	3.83
Corp Gilt	109.10	116.10	+0.50	6.61
Far East	285.00	303.30	+7.50	0.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.93	55.24	+0.64	0.53
Emerging Mkts	57.32	60.98	-0.50	0.34
General	46.66	49.64	+0.16	3.45
International	80.99	86.16	+0.90	1.32
Gilt Units	25.00	25.77†	+0.02	8.26
Global PEP	34.72	36.94	+0.30	2.11
Income Gth	61.44	65.36†	+0.18	5.38
European	42.61	45.33	+0.65	1.17
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.42	27.04	-0.06	6.16
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.69	30.68	+0.18	1.83
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.80	100.80†	-1.23	5.85
-do- Acc	103.85	103.85†	+0.03	5.85
Pru Equity	644.00	688.77	+2.04	2.72
Pru Equity Inc	77.68	83.08†	-0.26	4.37
Pru European	168.30	180.00	+2.53	1.88
Pru Global Gth	74.96	80.17†	+0.58	1.60
Pru High Inc	83.94	89.77	+0.57	5.46
Pru Intl	148.51	158.83†	+1.29	1.36
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.52	67.93	+0.44	0.95
Pru Japanese	141.05	150.85	+1.45	...
Pru Nth Amer	148.54	158.86	+0.21	0.44
Pru Pacific Mkt	67.86	72.57†	+0.72	1.93
Pru Premr Inc	48.86	50.88†	+0.04	7.52
Pru Smllr Cos	77.89	83.30	+0.12	2.52
Pru Spec Sits	95.31	101.93†	+0.45	2.61
Pru UK Grwth	106.79	114.21†	-0.42	2.54
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	151.34	162.91	+0.28	3.80
Japan	212.97	228.27	+1.27	...
Major UK Cos	91.81	98.83	-0.03	2.69
America Income	474.69	508.92	-2.77	0.65
-do- Acc	551.35	591.11	-3.22	0.65
Smllr UK Cos	244.82	267.20	+0.27	2.00
Smllr European	241.03	256.95	+3.92	1.64
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.76	77.40	-0.26	3.67
Capital Units	136.40	145.10	-0.10	1.61
Commodity	94.09	100.00	+0.89	1.34
European Gth	146.00	155.30	-1.80	1.49
Financial Sec	162.20	172.50	-1.50	2.06
High Return	206.10	219.20†	-0.20	4.96
High Yield	201.10	213.90	+0.40	4.39
Income Units	105.00	111.60†	-0.30	5.73
Investment	164.20	174.60	+0.50	1.70
Japan Gth	109.90	116.90	+0.10	...
Japan Smaller	149.00	158.50	-0.50	...
Masterfund	43.59	46.37	+0.01	1.26
Scotbits	239.50	254.70†	-1.80	2.17
Scotshares	243.60	259.10	+1.10	3.03
Scotyields	219.40	233.40	-0.30	4.31
Select Intl	122.30	130.00	-0.10	0.71
Smaller Cos	207.70	220.90	+0.70	4.71
Special Situation	104.40	111.00	+0.30	0.85
UK Equity	214.80	228.50†	-0.20	2.63
US Growth	144.00	153.10	-1.30	0.29
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	250.40	267.09	+1.35	0.67
-do- Acc	270.52	288.54	+1.46	0.67
Australian	119.85	127.84†	+1.15	0.27
-do- Acc	140.44	149.81	+1.36	0.27
UK Enterprise	195.59	208.62†	+1.81	3.13
-do- Acc	225.91	240.97	+2.09	3.13
European Gth	60.86	64.91†	+0.58	1.34
-do- Acc	63.00	67.19	+0.60	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	54.29	57.90†	+0.89	0.71
-do- Acc	54.66	58.29	+0.89	0.71
Far Eastern Gth	62.00	66.13†	-0.24	...
-do- Acc	63.09	67.29	+0.25	...
Fixed Interest	52.41	55.26	+0.06	8.30
-do- Acc	62.79	66.20	+0.07	8.30
Gilt Income	103.00	108.55	+0.09	8.75
-do- Acc	139.26	146.76	+0.12	8.75
Income	295.84	315.56	-2.16	4.55
-do- Acc	856.90	914.04	+6.28	4.55
Japan Enterprise	51.68	55.12	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	51.68	55.12	+0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	324.03	345.63†	-1.46	...
-do- Acc	324.68	346.32	+1.46	...
Pacific Gth	78.94	84.20†	+0.28	0.57
-do- Acc	81.40	86.83	+0.29	0.57
Smaller Cos	177.08	188.88†	+0.54	1.33
-do- Acc	202.94	216.47	+0.62	1.33
Tokyo	82.96	88.49	+0.64	...
-do- Acc	83.80	89.38	+0.65	...
UK Equity	198.56	211.79†	+1.59	3.25
-do- Acc	367.68	392.18	+2.93	3.25
US Smllr Cos	131.40	140.16	+0.32	...
-do- Acc	131.40	140.16	+0.32	...
World Fd	67.05	71.51†	+0.42	1.75
-do- Acc	70.75	75.47	+0.44	1.75
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	41.31	44.00	-0.21	4.53
Equity Strategy	60.73	64.66	+0.02	2.10
European Opps	69.33	73.84	+0.92	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.52	100.03	...	5.91
UK Smaller Cos	47.48	50.57	+0.03	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	335.00	358.30	+0.80	3.02
American	257.60	273.50	+0.90	0.89
Pacific	277.90	297.20	+2.80	0.93
European	435.90	466.20	+5.50	1.33
Worldwide	75.36	80.60	+0.40	1.51
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.30	316.60	-0.30	3.16
UK Sm Cos Eqty	190.20	202.40	+0.30	3.17
European	320.50	341.00	+3.90	1.54
North American	260.30	277.00	-0.80	0.61
Income Plus Inc	62.34	66.32	-0.39	3.58
UK Spec Sits	64.97	69.12	...	2.70
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.63	26.36	-0.01	3.13
Intl Growth Acc	26.66	28.53	+0.19	1.24
Global Inc Acc	30.00	32.11	+0.27	4.12
Market Ldrs Acc	24.95	26.70†	+0.02	3.12
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	86.30	92.29	-0.20	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.01	44.63	+0.77	...
-do- Acc	44.49	47.26	+0.82	...
Far East Opps	28.73	30.95	+0.23	...
-do- Acc	29.52	31.81	+0.24	...
General Growth	97.06	104.10†	+0.30	...
Global Tech	124.60	134.40	-1.40	...
Income Growth	97.63	105.00†	-0.10	3.93
Income Monthly	55.77	59.64	+0.16	5.29
Japan Growth	63.95	67.89	+0.44	...
Overseas Gth	72.02	76.66	+0.81	...
Smaller Cos	68.30	73.44	+0.42	1.03
Special Opps	92.38	99.33†	+0.58	2.12
Wld Spec Sits	43.20	46.50†	+0.25	...
-do- Acc	43.30	46.61†	+0.23	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.46	45.12	+0.10	1.85
Equity Gth Acc	57.54	61.14	...	1.20
UK Eq General	41.33	43.92	-0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	54.24	57.63	-0.10	2.39
European Acc	40.13	42.64	+0.60	1.49
Far East Acc	46.00	48.88	+0.10	0.40
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.91	31.63	...	8.71
N American Acc	46.08	48.97	-0.20	0.75
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	254.70	276.40	+0.80	1.72
UK Eq High Inc	34.37	36.52	-0.10	3.69
-do- Acc	40.26	42.78	-0.10	3.69
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.50	307.60	-0.10	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Acc	364.60	395.60	-0.20	3.88
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.37	N283.57	...	1.10
US Eq	$2.052	$2.179	...	0.85
Far East Eq	Y199.4	Y211.7	...	...
Japan Eq	Y198.8	Y211.2	...	...
FT Europe	112.10	119.00	...	1.00
FT North Am	$1.726	$1.833	...	0.80
FT Japan	Y197.0	Y208.5	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	108.70	115.40	...	1.20
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	359.10	381.30	-2.90	0.28
British	911.30	964.20	+0.70	4.67
European	359.60	383.00	+6.10	1.16
Japan	117.00	124.50	+1.40	...
New Pacific	277.90	296.00	+2.40	1.41
Mngd Cash	95.81	95.81	...	5.74
Majority Stg	99.99	100.99	+0.04	5.88
Inv Tst	179.10	189.80	+0.30	2.00
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Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	709.00	758.50†	+0.60	2.47
N America Acc	119.80	128.10†	...	0.28
Far East Acc	107.50	115.00†	+0.60	0.35
W wide Bond	61.59	65.38	+0.43	5.36
European	79.77	85.32	+1.47	0.72
Equity Income	79.78	85.33	+0.13	4.29
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American Gth	35.20	37.65	+0.18	[illegible]
Managed Assets	114.93	122.92†	+0.18	3.56
UK Income	35.66	38.17	-0.02	3.94
UK Growth	35.53	38.00	-0.01	2.78
Worldwide Gth	29.15	31.18	+0.22	0.59
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	206.26	219.42	-0.31	0.20
-do- Acc	226.54	241.00	-0.34	0.20
British Gth	82.97	88.26	-0.43	2.24
-do- Acc	96.82	103.00	-0.50	2.24
European	89.87	95.60†	+0.58	1.28
-do- Acc	94.79	100.84†	+0.61	1.28
Extra Inc	178.26	189.64	-2.04	4.62
-do- Acc	279.86	297.72	-3.20	4.62
General Unit	255.06	271.34†	-1.35	2.56
-do- Acc	503.17	535.29†	-2.67	2.56
Income	308.32	328.00	+0.70	3.87
-do- Acc	628.01	668.09	+1.44	3.87
International	481.12	511.83	+1.98	0.62
-do- Acc	628.91	669.05	+2.59	0.62
Pacific	301.03	320.24	+0.04	0.01
-do- Acc	315.26	335.39	+0.50	0.01
Premier Income	49.71	51.78†	-0.03	7.97
-do- Acc	102.08	106.33†	-0.05	7.97
Nat Resources	90.63	96.42	+2.52	...
-do- Acc	99.40	105.74	+2.77	...
Selected Opps	89.48	95.20	-0.73	1.34
-do- Acc	111.74	118.88	-0.92	1.34
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	130.00	138.60	+0.80	0.22
Australia	6.547	7.000†	-0.020	1.14
Equity	177.30	189.60†	+0.10	5.40
Euro Spec Sits	140.20	148.80	+1.10	0.58
Financial	37.65	40.25	+0.08	3.01
Global Opps Inc	86.43	92.28	+0.35	2.18
-do- Acc	89.59	95.65	+0.36	2.18
Gold Gen Inc	38.96	41.70	+0.40	1.06
-do- Acc	74.33	79.65	+0.75	1.06
Income	115.10	123.30	+0.20	5.01
Japan General	119.90	127.50	+0.70	...
Preference	21.48	23.10†	+0.03	7.85
UK Capital	99.70	106.60†	...	3.16
Worldwide Cap	192.40	205.50†	+0.80	1.13
World Income	81.51	86.83†	+0.67	3.50
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	72.29	77.10	+0.73	...
-do- Acc	74.56	79.53	+0.76	...
Cash	51.24	51.24	+0.02	6.24
-do- Acc	60.99	60.99	+0.03	6.24
European Opps	60.98	64.96	+1.13	0.45
-do- Acc	61.62	65.63	+1.13	0.45
Far East Opps	133.28	142.16	+1.02	0.66
-do- Acc	136.30	145.46	+1.05	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	35.05	37.38	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	36.05	38.45	+0.46	...
Japan	62.32	66.45	+0.81	...
-do- Acc	62.32	66.45	+0.81	...
Little Dragons	63.09	67.29	+0.28	0.74
-do- Acc	64.71	69.02	+0.28	0.74
Oriental Income	39.00	41.59	+0.26	3.82
-do- Acc	49.21	52.49	+0.31	3.82
Tiger	200.88	214.27	+0.91	1.21
-do- Acc	210.13	224.13	+0.96	1.21
UK Small Cos	66.54	71.16	+0.25	2.19
-do- Acc	76.31	81.61	+0.29	2.19
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	217.70	232.20	...	4.53
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	10	10.63	+0.31	0.50
Pacific Basin	28.72	30.55	+0.34	0.60
Canadian Gth	37	39.36	+1.22	0.19
Global Bond	$0.950	$0.990	+0.005	7.25
Penny Share	19.96	21.23	+0.11	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.10	52.11†	+0.01	6.21
Gilt Growth	64.60	67.24	+0.13	...
Gth Income	51.95	54.05	+0.09	8.02
Short Dtd Gilt	109.60	111.00	+0.20	4.67
US Govmnt Bd	$0.709	$0.718	-0.001	...
Challenger	92.41	94.59	+0.14	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	65.64	69.82	+0.05	2.16

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Ward is recalled to face document questions

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE trial of Thomas Ward took a surprise twist yesterday when the American lawyer was accused of fabricating evidence to support a key part of his defence. Mr Ward was called back to the witness stand at the Old Bailey, before closing speeches were due to begin, to be questioned about a document that supports his claim to a fee of £5.2 million paid to him by Guinness after the bid for Distillers in 1986. Mr Ward denies stealing the money from Guinness.

Victor Temple, prosecuting, said a document sent by Mr Ward to his brother in 1986 made reference to an account at a Washington bank four months before the account was opened. Mr Temple said: "I suggest this is a bogus document produced by you to mislead this court." Mr Ward denied the accusation, saying: "I'm well used to your scurrilous suggestions, but once again, you're wrong."

The Serious Fraud Office flew a witness in from America on Sunday to support its allegation. Robert Glass, a security officer at Riggs National Bank in Washington DC, told the court that available records showed the account in question had been opened on December 11, 1986. Earlier, Mr Temple told the court that Mr Ward made reference to the account in a letter dated August 20, 1986.

Commencing his closing speech, Mr Temple reminded the jury of the close friendship between Mr Ward and Ernest Saunders, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness. Mr Ward was aware that other advisers were being well-paid and, "when in Rome, do as Romans do".

The pair had to resort to dishonest means to secure the payment of £5.2 million, failing to disclose it either to their fellow directors or in the offer document. Mr Ward knew full well that if he disclosed a payment of this size, "he was doomed". Mr Saunders had joined in the conspiracy because "he wanted his share and he had it."

The trial continues today.

Consumer borrowing highest for two years

■ Monthly cyclical economic indicators compiled by the CSO suggest the gradual recovery from recession almost stalled towards the end of last year

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

CONSUMERS took out new loans worth £4.67 billion in December, a sharp increase on the £4.07 billion borrowed in November and the highest monthly figure since the recession began more than two years ago.

The big gain in the new borrowing figures outweighed the continuing high level of debt repayment by consumers, resulting in an increase of £56 million in the net amount of consumer credit outstanding.

This higher-than-expected result was the third consecutive increase in net credit outstanding since the sharp drops in August and September.

In a separate release, the monthly cyclical economic indicators compiled by the Central Statistical Office provided evidence that the economy's gradual recovery from recession almost stalled towards the end of last year.

The CSO's coincident indicator, designed to reflect movements in the economy as they occur, fell a provisional 0.1 per cent between November and December. This was the first monthly decline since the index began to rise steadily in May last year.

However, the shorter and *longer leading indices, which* are supposed to foreshadow movements in the economy between four months and three years in advance, continued to rise significantly in December, after brief dips in the early autumn, arising from the crisis over sterling's membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The shorter leading index increased by a provisional 1.4 per cent in December, while the longer index rose 1.4 per cent in December and a provisional 1.1 per cent in January.

December's higher-than-expected level of consumer borrowing reinforced anecdotal evidence of strong Christmas demand for big-ticket items, such as appliances and furniture, which are frequently bought on credit.

A 29 per cent jump to £1.74 billion in lending by finance houses in December may also have reflected, in part, the surge in car sales at the end of the year.

According to some economists, the big rise in credit appeared inconsistent with provisional December retail sales, which showed a disappointing 0.7 per cent decline. Some analysts said the retail sales figures could be revised upwards.

In any case, the conflicting stories from the high streets *will concentrate attention on* retail sales for January, due on February 17.

☐ The pound fell sharply yesterday after a small number of big selling orders hit a thin market in which most operators had taken long positions on sterling after the unexpected cut in the Bundesbank's interest rates last week.

Sterling fell almost three pfennigs in one hour of hectic morning trading after opening just above DM2.40. It closed in London at DM2.3813, having spent most of the day between DM2.37 and DM2.38.

Against the dollar, sterling closed at $1.4380, compared with Friday's close of $1.4507 and yesterday's opening of $1.4555.



The plenty of space age: The London Ark building in Hammersmith, which has been empty since its construction

Contractor fights to keep the Ark afloat

BY CARL MORTISHED

AKE Larson Byggare, Sweden's largest private contractor, is fighting to save The *London Ark building from* receivership. The building in Hammersmith, west London is under threat after administrative receivers were called into Ake Larson in the wake of the failure of Pronator, a leading client.

Carl Nordlander, Ake Larson's finance director, said Nordbanken, the Swedish lender that funded the £31 million development, has "unofficially" taken over the project. Pressure is now likely to increase to find a tenant for the Ark's 230,000 sq ft of hi-tech office space. *In spite of* winning several architectural awards, the building has been empty since its construction more than a year ago.

Local surveyors believe that the Ark's problem is it is just too expensive when cheaper and more conventional office space is available near by. Two major companies tipped to take space in the Ark, Coca-Cola and Walt Disney, moved into alternative accomodation last year. Rumours suggest that part of the problem was that the Ark's owners would *not budge from a rent of more* than £50 per sq ft.

According to Chris Hyatt, of Jones Lang Wootton, which is marketing the massive Centre West development in Hammersmith, tenants are looking for value for money.

Walt Disney is believed to be paying between £10 and £20 per sq ft in the rival Kensington Village scheme. Coca-Cola has relocated its UK headquarters to Centre West on a long lease at a rent equivalent to £35 per sq ft.

Centre West is to hit the *market in August with a* further 170,000 sq ft, and 260,000 sq ft is available at Vantage West and the Wang building in Brentford, west London.

The Ark's backers may have to take on further liabilities if it is to be let. Bredero, the developers of Centre West, took over the lease on Coca-Cola's former premises in Kensington as part of an incentive package.

Bryant to boost housing land bank

Bryant Group, the Birmingham housebuilder, claims to have spotted the bottom of the housing market and is buying up land to boost its land bank in advance of any upturn.

The company reported pre-tax profits of £7.5 million (£9.8 million) in the six months to end-November, after an additional £2.5 million of write-offs on assets that have declined in market value. Properties held by associated companies fell £1.5 million, while write-offs by the group as a whole relating to property and homes doubled to £2 million.

The interim dividend is held at 1.4p. Bryant expects to increase the number of units sold this financial year by 10 per cent, to 2,600.

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Dunn jobs

More than 300 part-time jobs will be created by the award of a repair and maintenance contract to Dunn International, a subsidiary of Prospect Industries, a specialised engineering services group. The largest contract the company has won is at PowerGen's Ferrybridge C site, West Yorkshire. It is worth more than £20 million.

Ramsden taste

Harry Ramsden's fish and chip shop in Hong Kong is proving as successful as its UK outlets, the group said. Pre-tax profits for the year to September 27, were 8 per cent up at £607,812 (£561,941). The total dividend payout is being held at 4.5p. Earnings per share rose to 7.2p (6.8p).

T&N plant

T&N, the motor components and engineering company, plans to build a £7.3 million camshaft manufacturing plant in Saltillo, Mexico. The plant will be run by Weyburn-Bartel, a member of T&N's Engineered Metallurgical Products Group.

Wimpey sells

Tops Estates, a retail property investment company, is paying George Wimpey, the contractor, £20.3 million for the Clayton Square shopping centre in Liverpool.



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Managers may buy Klöckner unit

KLÖCKNER-WERKE, the German steelmaker whose request for court protection from its creditors in December highlighted the desperate state of the European steel industry, is faced with a partial management buyout that could herald the complete break-up of Klöckner's steel operations (Colin Narbrough writes).

Although Klöckner is confident it will emerge from the proceedings concerning its DM2.7 million debt as a viable diversified steel-to-plastics group, it is believed it is trying to divorce itself to a large extent from steel. While Europe's steelmakers seek support from Brussels for measures to address overcapacity and cut-price imports, Klöckner is talking to a number of companies over disposal of a controlling interest in its integrated mill at Bremen.

Jürgen Grossmann, 41, the management board chairman of Klöckner's steel subsidiary at Bremen, has asked to leave the company from February 15, having proposed a management buyout to Klöckner for Edelstahl, the company's speciality steel arm at Osnabrück. Herr Grossmann is understood to want to invest up to DM100 million in a new arc furnace at Edelstahl.

Before Klöckner sought protection, it had been discussing a triangular deal for Edelstahl involving Krupp and Saarstahl, the Saarland steelmaker. The first move likely concerning Bremen will involve closure of a blast furnace, cutting a quarter of the 6,000 jobs at the works and improving profits per worker by an annual DM100,000. Hoogovens, the Dutch metals group, has long been considered a probable partner, possibly taking a majority holding, in the Bremen plant.

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A H PARKER & SONS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that:
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company held at 12.00 pm on 1st February 1993, a Special Resolution was duly passed authorising a payment of £20,500 out of the Company's capital as defined in Section 170-172 of the Companies Act 1985 in respect of the purchase by the Company of 9400 ordinary shares of £1 each from Mr F. Lomberg for the aggregate price of £20,500.
The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined in Sections 170-172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £20,500.
The Statutory Declaration and Auditor's report required by Sections 173-174 of the Companies Act 1985 both dated 1st February 1993 are available at the Company's registered office at 3 Jenner Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3AQ.
Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Section 176-177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of 5 weeks immediately following 1st February 1993 for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated 3 February 1993

CORTS WINE BARS LTD.
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company Number: 1161594
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA and Kevin Paul Barry, FCA of Messrs. Leon and Curtis & Co., 50 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Wednesday, 3rd February, 1993 by Barclays Mercantile Business Fin under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating a Fixed & Floating Charge dated 16th January, 1991.
Dated the 3rd day of February 1993
S.D. Swaden, FCA
and K.P. Barry, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

EGH Property Management Ltd
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Bowler Hat Hotel, 2 Talbot Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside, L43 2HH on Tuesday the 23rd February 1993, at 12.00 o'clock for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A. Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 19th February 1993.
Dated this 29th day of January 1993.
Peter Edwards, Director.

HOUSE OF HARLEY LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered number: 2346900.
Trading name: Heritage Harley-Davidson. Nature of business: Dealers in motor cycles. Trade classification: 19. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28th January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 2306 & 6829) of Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

MFK REALISATIONS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY on 10th February 1993 at 11.15 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account (proof of debt) and (unless attending in person) a proxy at Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY no later than 12 noon the day before the meeting. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the meeting.
Dated this 13th January 1993
By Order of the Board
G. REES, DIRECTOR.

Notice of Appointment of Liquidator Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2708651.
Name of company: Fashionlink (UK) Ltd. Nature of business: Clothing Wholesalers. Address of registered office: 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidators: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder no: 002568. Date of appointment: 1 February 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 1 February 1993.

HTC REALISATIONS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY on 10th February 1993 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account (proof of debt) and (unless attending in person) a proxy at Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY no later than 12 noon the day before the meeting. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the meeting.
Dated this 13th day of January 1993
By Order of the Board
G. REES, DIRECTOR.

No. 00813 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF PEOPLES BANK LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 29 January 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the paid up share capital of the above-named Company from £20,000,000 to £11,000,000 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 17th day of February 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 8th day of February 1993.
Dibb Lupton Broomhead
117 The Headrow
LEEDS LS1 5JX
Solicitors
for the above-named company

PARAGON RETAIL LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Tuesday the 16th February 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Ince, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 12th February 1993.
Dated this 1st day of February 1993.
D. TYSALL, Director.

RE: Edwards Group Holdings Ltd
(In Receivership)
and
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Bowler Hat Hotel, 2 Talbot Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside, L43 2HH on Tuesday the 23rd February 1993, at 12.00 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 19th February 1993.
Dated this 29th day of January 1993.
Peter Edwards, Director.

RE: ELITE FINISHERS LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at A. Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 17th February 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Tuesday 16th February 1993.
Dated this 28th day of January 1993.
P West, Director.

S.M.A.C. Reproductions Limited
Registered number: 1380582.
Nature of business: Paper, Printing and Publishing. Trade classification: 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 1st February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: J.J. Schapira, ACA and S.D. Swaden, FCA (office holder nos: 6784 and 2719) of Leonard Curtis & Co., P O Box 663 50 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FORSHORE (UK) LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER: 1943151
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of the said Act that on 29th January 1993 Paul M Davis and David H Gilbert of Levy Gee and Partners, 100 Chelt Farm Road, London NW1 8EN were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above named Company by Lloyds Bank PLC pursuant to a Debenture, dated 11th December 1990, comprising fixed and floating charges over the assets and undertaking of the Company.

TYNEBASE SUB SEA LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Harris Kafton Chartered Accountants, 98 Baker Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 3HB on Thursday the 11th February 1993 at 3pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Dated this 3rd day of February 1993.
By Order of the Board
S.A. Hughes, Director.

UPPERWORLD LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that David Croxford of Messrs Stephens, P.O. Box 256, First Island House, Peter Street, St. Helier, Jersey, JE4 8SG, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 27th January 1993.
Creditors are required on or before 12th March 1993 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidator, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debtors are proved.
Dated this Fourth day of February 1993.
David Croxford, Liquidator.
NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Brittan to seek Gatt 'breathing space'

SIR Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, said in Luxembourg yesterday that he would make a plea to President Clinton's administration when he visits Washington next week for "more breathing space" to conclude world trade talks.

He said he would ask Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative, to extend the March 1 deadline of the negotiating authority to conclude the most ambitious and complex world trade agreement ever. Sir Leon's visit comes amid signals from the administration that it will take a tough trade stance.

It has imposed anti-dumping duties on EC steel imports and will ban European bids on American public works projects from March 22.

Sir Leon said that additional trade of up to $200 billion a year through a new world trade deal "is worth having and working for".

Japanese make North Sea deal

Itochu Corporation of Japan, through its C Itoh energy subsidiary, has become what is believed to be the first Japanese group to buy oil production in the North Sea after a $106 million deal with Enterprise Oil. It is buying a 25.769 per cent interest in the North West Hutton field, which is in production although expected to close in 1994.

But the last of the Hutton oil will give the Japanese access to the Brent pipeline for the 25.769 per cent interest it has also bought in the Hudson field. The Japanese are also buying an interest in the Hutton field. The deal is subject to government approval. **Tempus, page 25**

Butte Mining writedown

Butte Mining has made an exceptional £8.7 million asset writedown in its accounts for the year ended June 1992, to leave it showing a net loss of £13.2 million for the 12-month period. That compares with a net loss of £6.47 million for the 18 months ended June 30, 1991.

Last year, Butte filed lawsuits in Montana that concern earlier acquisitions and which seek actual damages of $325 million and a further $650 million for racketeering.

Dispute settled

Merivale Moore, the residential developer, has settled its long-running dispute over the collapse of a building in Battersea four years ago. A group of contractors, including Bovis and Fairclough, have agreed to pay it an undisclosed seven-figure sum. The shares rose 7p to 27p on the announcement.

STOCK MARKET

Rights issue worries put dampener on trading

SHARES resumed their upward path, but there was a two-way struggle as hopes of further interest rate cuts battled with concerns that a number of companies may take advantage of recent buoyant conditions and tap the market for fresh funds.

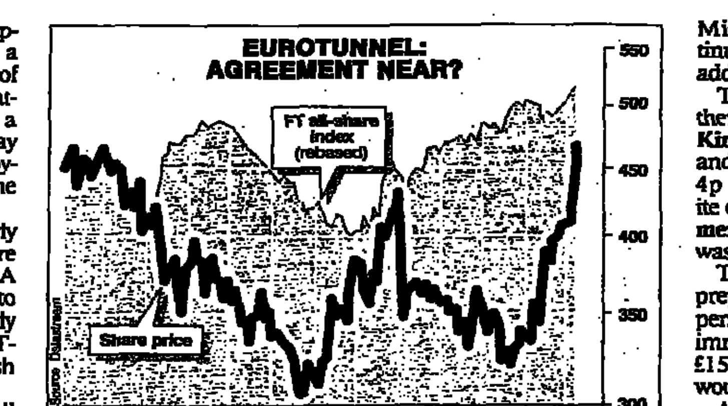
Prices were marked up early on, as market-makers were again caught short of stock. A big buyer of the futures, said to have been BZW, and an early premium on the March FT-SE futures also lifted the cash market.

An uncertain start on Wall Street, which was struggling to keep up last week's record-breaking run, combined with concerns on the prospect of further rights issues, dampened sentiment in London.

The FT-SE 100 index more than halved a one-time 18.2 gain, to close 7.1 higher at 2,870.0. Second-liners edged higher, with the FT-SE Mid up 0.9 at 3,051.4 points. Volume reached only 545.8 million shares, although equity turnover has been on the increase recently.

The latest Stock Exchange data shows a 9.8 per cent rise in January and a 17.8 per cent advance on a year-on-year basis. Second-line stocks continued to out-perform, with the FT-SE 250 index rising by 3.2 per cent on the month, against a fall of 1.4 per cent for the FT-SE 100. Pharmaceuticals were buoyant, with shares lifted by renewed interest from American investors, who were buying strongly at the end of last week.

ICI enjoyed some of the best gains, with ADR buying helping the shares climb 46p to



£11.75. Other international stocks were also in demand, boosted by weak sterling, with **Wellcome** up 20p at 885p, **Glaxo** up 18p at 667p, and **SmithKline Beecham A** 8p higher, at 464p. **Eurotunnel** rose 12p to 468p on reports suggesting that an agreement has almost been reached with TransManche Link, the consortium of contractors building the tunnel, to settle a dispute over costs. In an interview with the French daily, *Les Echoes*, Jean-Paul Parayre, TML's outgoing co-chairman, said that agreement was "within arm's reach" and the service could begin in early 1994. **Royal Bank of Scotland**, up 1p to 236p, confirmed it had sold 90.1 per cent of its Charterhouse merchant banking division to Crédit Commercial de France and Berliner Handels-und-Frankfurter for £235 million. Most of the other banks climbed strongly in early dealing, but ended mixed. **Lloyds**, which kicks off the major clearing banks' full-year reporting season on Friday, reversed an early rise to finish 3p lower at 534p. **NatWest**, which announced 4,000 job losses, fell 6p to 442p, with City talk that the bank might be looking to shareholders for new funds, possibly through a convertible issue. Meanwhile, **Barclays** climbed 5p to 434p and the Midland parent, **HSBC**, continued its runaway success by adding 5p, to end at 574p.

Sophie Monckton, at Hoare Govett, has changed her recommendation for Tesco, down 6½p to 243½p, from a "hold" to "overvalued". She does not expect to see any outperformance from the stock this year. Hoare has also trimmed its pre-tax profit forecast for the supermarket group by £5 million to £635 million for the year to end-February 1994.

The market still awaits further sizeable cash calls, with **Kingfisher**, up 4p at 531p, and **Trafalgar House**, down 4p to 87p, among the favourite candidates, although **Commercial Union**, off 3p at 620p, was also mentioned.

Trafalgar House was not prepared to comment on the persistent speculation of an imminent rights issue of up to £150 million to cut debt. But it would not deny the talk.

A spokesman said: "As was said at the annual meeting, it's neither ruled in or ruled out." However, analysts believe a cash call is inevitable.

The decision of **Whessoe** to seek £14.3 million through a rights issue, at 260p a share, was well received, with the shares off 7p to 307p. A buy recommendation from Crédit Lyonnais Laing helped **Forte** add 3p to 188p.

Electric utilities and water companies enjoyed a positive spurt. **Southern Electric** gained 8p to 438p, **South Western** 10p to 468p, **Northern** 7p to 486p and **Manweb** 11p to 496p.

Among the water winners, **Anglian** rose 7p to 495p, **Northumbrian** 7p to 562p, **Southern** 6p to 487p, **Thames** 7p to 504p and **Wessex** 9p to 590p.

Reports of a Warburg sell recommendation knocked **Dawson International** 8p lower to 238p, while **Downiebrae Holdings** surged 17p to 48p after Braystar took a near 30 per cent stake.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Clinton helps Dow move up a fraction

New York — Blue chips fought off mild profit-taking and touched positive levels in morning trading, helped by an announcement that President Clinton was to meet his economic advisers and might make a statement.

Dick Stein, of MKI Securities, said: "The market remains basically strong until he makes his state of the union message (on February 17)."

The Dow Jones industrial average had fallen as far as 12 points before the announcement of the meeting was made by the White House. It went up one point, and then settled back, trading at 3,441.33 points, down 0.81.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed in thin, listless trading, with the Nikkei average down on arbitrage selling. But underlying sentiment was turning positive in the wake of last week's discount rate cut, and brokers said that the Nikkei was unlikely to fall below 17,000 in the near term. Gaining issues outnumbered declining shares in spite of the Nikkei's fall, an analyst said. The Nikkei fell 51.17 points, or 0.30 per cent, to end at 17,281.73, with an estimated 200 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices rebounded from early losses to close higher after bargain-hunters moved in, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended 39.44 points, or 0.69 per cent, higher at 5,786.65, after hitting a low of 5,706.61 in morning trade. A broker with First Pacific said: "Bargain-hunters have pushed the index up, but most investors are still on the sidelines."

☐ **Singapore** — Share prices ended lower as blue chips, which have gained significantly recently, shed some weight on consolidation, brokers reported. One broker said: "But I don't think Singapore blue chips have much downside. Buyers will return after the consolidation." Malaysian shares traded over the counter led the activity. The Straits Times industrial index fell 2.91 points to end at 1,615.73.

☐ **Sydney** — The announcement of the date for the federal election, combined with bullish offshore markets, drove the share market sharply higher in heavy trade, dealers said. They said the market's attention was split between the decision by Paul Keating, the prime minister, to call an election on March 13 and the sale of Westpac's 6.1 per cent holding in ANZ. The All-Ordinaries index closed 16.1 points higher, at 1559.4.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended 0.4 per cent up, at a day's peak of 1,647.16 points, its highest close since July 23 last year. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Feb 8 midday	Feb 5 close
AMP Inc	59⅜	58⅞
AMR Corp	65⅞	65⅞
Abbott Labs	27⅞	27⅞
Aetna Life	52⅞	52⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	20⅞	20⅞
Air Prod & Chem	47¾	48
Albertson's	50⅞	50
Alcan Aluminm	19⅞	19⅞
Alco Standard	42⅞	42⅞
Allied Signal	64⅞	66
Alum Co of Am	77⅞	77⅞
Amax	19⅞	19⅞
Amerada Hess	50⅞	50⅞
Amer Brands	36⅞	37⅞
Amer Cyanamid	53⅞	53⅞
Amer El Power	34⅞	34⅞
Amer Express	25⅞	25⅞
Amer Genl Corp	59⅞	59⅞
Amer Home Pr	63⅞	63⅞
Amer Intl	123⅞	125⅞
Amer Stores	41⅞	42
Amer T & T	53⅞	53⅞
Ameritech	72⅞	72⅞
Amoco	53⅞	53⅞
Anheuser-Busch	58⅞	58⅞
Apple Computer	55⅞	57⅞
Archer Daniels	25⅞	26⅞
Arkla	8⅞	8⅞
Armco	8⅞	8⅞
Armstrong Wrld	33⅞	33⅞
Asarco	28⅞	28⅞
Ashland Oil	28	28⅞
Atl Richfield	119	118⅞
Auto Data Pro	55⅞	55⅞
Avery Dennison	27⅞	27⅞
Avon Products	59⅞	59⅞
Baker Hughes	22⅞	22⅞
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	53⅞	53⅞
BankAmerica	53	53⅞
Bank of NY	56⅞	56⅞
Bankers Tr NY	68⅞	68⅞
Barnett Banks	44	44⅞
Bausch & Lomb	56⅞	57⅞
Baxter Intl	31⅞	31⅞
Bectn Dickrsn	78⅞	79⅞
Bell Atlantic	52⅞	52⅞
BellSouth	52⅞	52⅞
Black & Decker	19⅞	18⅞
Block (H&R)	40⅞	40⅞
Boeing	35⅞	35⅞
Boise Cascade	25⅞	25⅞
Borden Inc	26⅞	36⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	58⅞
Browning Ferris	27⅞	28
Burlington Nthn	45⅞	49
CBS	197⅞	198⅞
CNA Financial	97⅞	100⅞
CPC Intl	47	46⅞
CSX	78⅞	78⅞
Campbell Soup	42	42⅞
Can Pacific	13	13
Cptl Cities ABC	507	511
Cptl Holdings	79⅞	80
Carolina Pwr	30	30⅞
Caterpillar	58⅞	59⅞
Central & SW	30⅞	30⅞
Champion Intl	31⅞	31⅞
Chase Manhat	31⅞	31⅞
Chemical Bk	42⅞	42⅞
Chevron Corp	75⅞	75
Chrysler	40⅞	40⅞
Chubb Corp	92⅞	93⅞
Cigna Corp	65⅞	65⅞
Citicorp	26	26⅞
Clorox	45⅞	45⅞
Coastal Corp	24⅞	24⅞
Coca Cola	41⅞	41⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	60	59⅞
Columbia Gas	20⅞	20⅞
Commonw Ed	25⅞	26
Compaq Comp	49	48⅞
Comp Ass Int	24⅞	24⅞
Conagra	28⅞	28
Cons Edison	34⅞	34⅞
Cons Nat Gas	47⅞	47⅞
Cons Rail	55⅞	56⅞
Cooper Inds	51⅞	51⅞
Corning Inc	35⅞	36
Crown Cork	40⅞	39⅞
Dana Corp	48⅞	48⅞
Dayton Hudson	83	82⅞
Deere	47⅞	48
Delta Air Lines	54⅞	53⅞
Deluxe Corp	42⅞	43⅞
Detroit Edison	35	35⅞
Digital Equip	42⅞	42⅞
Dillard Dept St	49⅞	50⅞
Disney (Walt)	47⅞	47⅞
Dominion Res	41⅞	41⅞
Donelley (RR)	29⅞	29⅞
Dover Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Dow Chemicals	57⅞	57⅞
Dow Jones	30	29⅞
Dresser	19⅞	19⅞
Duke Power	37⅞	37⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	58⅞	59
Du Pont	49⅞	49⅞
Eastman Kodak	52	51
Eaton Corp	81⅞	81⅞

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Emerson Elec	57⅞	57⅞
Engelhard Corp	42	43⅞
Enron Corp	54⅞	55⅞
Entergy Corp	35	35⅞
Ethyl Corp	26	28⅞
Exxon	62⅞	61⅞
FMC Corp	47⅞	47⅞
FPL Group	37⅞	36
Federal Express	60⅞	60⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	81⅞	82
First Chicago	43⅞	44⅞
First Interstate	54⅞	53⅞
First Union Rlty	11⅞	11
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅞	33⅞
Fluor Corp	43	43⅞
Ford Motor	49⅞	49⅞
GTE Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Gannett	54⅞	54⅞
Gap Inc Del	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Cinema	37	37⅞
Gen Dynamics	115⅞	116⅞
Gen Electric	86⅞	86⅞
Gen Mills	66	67
Gen Motors	38⅞	38
Gen Reinsurance	123	124⅞
Gen Signal	65	65⅞
Genuine Parts	36	36⅞
Georgia Pac	65⅞	66
Gillette	56⅞	56
Glaxo ADR	19⅞	18⅞
Goodrich (BF)	51⅞	51⅞
Goodyear Tire	74⅞	74⅞
Grace (W&R)	40	40⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23⅞	23⅞
Great Wstn Fin	18	18⅞
Halliburton	33⅞	32⅞
Heinz (HJ)	41⅞	42⅞
Hercules	64⅞	69⅞
Hershey Foods	50⅞	50⅞
Hewlett Packard	67⅞	68⅞
Hilton Hotels	52	52
Home Depot	65	65⅞
Homestake	11⅞	11⅞
Honeywell	34⅞	33⅞
Household Intl	65⅞	65⅞
Houston Inds	48⅞	48⅞
Humana	21	21
ITT Corp	74⅞	74⅞
Illinois Tool	74	74⅞
INCO	23⅞	23⅞
Ingersoll Rand	35⅞	36⅞
Inland Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Intel Corp	106⅞	106⅞
IBM	53	52
Intl Flav & Fr	108⅞	109⅞
Intl Paper	68⅞	69⅞
James River Va	18	18⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅞	45
K Mart	24	24⅞
Kellogg	62⅞	62⅞
Kerr-McGee	46⅞	46⅞
Kimberly-Clark	60⅞	61
Knight-Ridder	64⅞	65
Lilly (Eli)	55⅞	56
Limited Inc	28⅞	28⅞
LIN Brdcsing	80	80⅞
Lincoln Nat	75⅞	75⅞
Litton	51	51⅞
Liz Claiborne	40⅞	41⅞
Lockheed Corp	56⅞	58⅞
Louisiana Pac	75⅞	75⅞
MCI Commun	39⅞	39⅞
Marriott	24⅞	24⅞
Marsh & McLen	95⅞	95⅞
Martin Marietta	70⅞	70⅞
Masco Corp	34⅞	34⅞
May Dept St	74⅞	74⅞
Maytag Corp	15⅞	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	34⅞	33⅞
McDonalds	50⅞	51
McDonnell D	54⅞	54⅞
McGraw Hill	61⅞	62
Mead Corp	42⅞	42
Medtronic	85⅞	88⅞
Mellon Bk	58⅞	58⅞
Melville Corp	50⅞	51⅞
Merck Inc	38⅞	39⅞
Merrill Lynch	68	68⅞
Minnesota Mine	107⅞	108⅞
Mobil Corp	65⅞	65
Monsanto	55⅞	55⅞
Morgan (JP)	63⅞	61⅞
Motorola Inc	54⅞	53⅞
Natl Medical	10⅞	10⅞
Natl Semi	10⅞	10⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅞
Navistar Int	3	3
NBD Bancorp	34⅞	35
NY Times A	29⅞	29⅞
Newmont Mng	39⅞	39⅞
Niag Mohawk	20⅞	20⅞
Nike B	92⅞	95
NL Industries	4⅞	4⅞
Nordstrom	41⅞	41⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	65⅞	65⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45⅞	45⅞
Norwest Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Nynex Corp	84⅞	85
Occidental Pet	19⅞	19⅞
Ohio Edison	24	24

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Oracle Systems	31⅞	32
Oryx Energy Co	21	20⅞
PNC Financial	31⅞	31⅞
PPG Industries	67⅞	67⅞
Paccar Inc	64⅞	64⅞
Pacificorp	20⅞	20⅞
Pac Enterprises	20⅞	20⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	33⅞	34
Pac Telesis	46⅞	46⅞
Pall Corp	21⅞	21⅞
Panhandle Eas	20⅞	20⅞
Paramnt Comm	47⅞	47⅞
Parker Hannifin	33⅞	34
Penney (JC)	77⅞	78⅞
Pennzoil	53⅞	54
Pepsico	40	40⅞
Pfizer	62	63⅞
Phelps Dodge	55⅞	55⅞
Philadel Elec	28⅞	28⅞
Philip Morris	74⅞	75⅞
Phillips Pet	27⅞	28⅞
Pitney Bowes	41⅞	40⅞
Polaroid	30⅞	30⅞
Price Co	36⅞	37
Primerica	56⅞	56⅞
Procter & Gmbl	51⅞	51⅞
Pub Serv E & G	32⅞	32⅞
Quaker Oats	64⅞	66⅞
Ralston Purina	48⅞	49
Raychem Corp	41⅞	42⅞
Raytheon	53⅞	53⅞
Reebok Intl	37	37⅞
Reynolds Metals	57⅞	57⅞
Roadway Srvcs	71	70⅞
Rockwell Intl	29⅞	29
Rohm & Haas	60⅞	61⅞
Royal Dutch	84⅞	85⅞
Rubbermaid	33	33⅞
Safeco Corp	63⅞	64
St Paul's Cos	82	82⅞
Salomon Inc	41⅞	40⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	14⅞	14⅞
Sara Lee Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Scecorp	46⅞	46⅞
Schering Plough	58⅞	58⅞
Schlumberger	61⅞	62⅞
Scott Paper	40⅞	39⅞
Seagram	27	26⅞
Sears Roebuck	49⅞	50⅞
Shell Trans	52⅞	52⅞
Sherwin Wlms	33⅞	32⅞
Skyline Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Snap-On-Tools	33⅞	34⅞
Southern Co	39⅞	39⅞
Sthwestern Bell	69⅞	70
Sprint Corp	28	29⅞
Stanley Works	42	42⅞
Sun Company	29⅞	29⅞
Suntrust	45⅞	45⅞
Supervalu	37⅞	37⅞
Syntex Corp	20⅞	20⅞
Sysco Corp	25⅞	25⅞
TRW Inc	54	53⅞
Tandem Comp	13⅞	13⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅞	28
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	20	19⅞
Temple Inland	51⅞	51⅞
Tenneco	44⅞	44⅞
Texaco	62⅞	61⅞
Texas Inst	52⅞	53⅞
Texas Utilities	44⅞	44⅞
Textron	44	44⅞
Time Warner	34⅞	34⅞
Times-Mirror	32⅞	32⅞
Timken	29⅞	29⅞
Torchmark	62⅞	62⅞
Toys R Us	39⅞	40⅞
Transamerica	50⅞	50⅞
Travelers Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Tribune	54⅞	54
Tyco Labs	48⅞	47
UAL Corp	120	128⅞
UST Inc	30⅞	30⅞
USX Marathon	19⅞	18⅞
Unilever NV	105⅞	105⅞
Union Camp	48⅞	48⅞
Union Carbide	17⅞	17⅞
Union Pacific	61⅞	61⅞
Unisys Corp	12⅞	12⅞
USAIR Group	15⅞	15⅞
USF&G Corp	14⅞	14⅞
US Life	41⅞	41⅞
US West	39⅞	39⅞
United Tech	48⅞	49
Unocal Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Upjohn	29	29⅞
VF Corp	54⅞	55
Wal-Mart Stores	65⅞	65⅞
Warner-Lambert	66⅞	66
Waste Mgmnt Inc	36⅞	37
Wells Fargo	94⅞	94⅞
Westinghouse El	14	13⅞
Weyerhaeuser	42⅞	42⅞
Whirlpool	49	49
Whitman	14⅞	14⅞
Winn Dixie	76	75⅞
Woolworth	28⅞	28⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30⅞
Xerox	87⅞	86⅞

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:			
Euro Disney	885p (+25p)	BOC	749p (+12p)
Scot TV	491p (+18p)	AAF Inds	209p (+12p)
Thomson Corp	755p (+10p)	P Black	180p (+14p)
Amber Ind	415p (+20p)	FALLS:	
Ranger	338p (+25p)	Hambros	300p (-13p)
Avon Rubber	553p (+15p)	Dalepak	283p (-12p)
Estates Agency	210p (+23p)	Sidlaw	335p (-13p)
Leeds	616p (+11p)	Betterware	255p (-10p)
Watts Blake	470p (+22p)	BICC	359p (-12p)
Clinton Cards	121p (+8p)	Carlton Comm	769p (-9p)
J Wilkes	53p (+9p)	Brit Aerospace	267p (-9p)
Wellcome	885p (+20p)	Meyer Int	314p (-12p)
SKF 'B'	650p (+12½p)	Dawson	238p (-8p)
J Menzies	482p (+16p)		

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BRITISH FUNDS

Government securities drifted lower in a quiet trading session. The gilt future traded in a range of £101²¹/₃₂ and £101⁹/₃₂, drifting to close near its low at £101¹⁰/₃₂, down nine ticks, on a subdued volume of 9,800 contracts for the March series.

In the absence of any real news, the market was happy to do nothing following the more turbulent conditions of the last two weeks. With little economic news due this week, except for factory gate prices today and Friday's RPI numbers, dealers are keeping a close eye on the Bank of England's next move in terms of issuance.

Among shorter-dated stocks, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 lost six ticks to £111²³/₃₂. Treasury 9¾ per cent 2002 eased three ticks to £111⁵/₃₂. At the longer end, Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017 fell eight ticks to £99¹⁶/₃₂.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	102	...	12.14	5.57
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	5.99	5.50
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1993	106	...	12.94	5.45
102	96	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	..	8.26	5.43
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	109 †	-	13.29	5.49
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	109	-	12.36	5.57
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	-	9.47	5.60
110	103	Exch 12¼% 1994	109	-	11.37	5.67
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	-	8.53	5.68
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	...	10.78	5.84
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	..	3.11	4.55
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	+	9.34	5.96
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	+	10.92	6.07
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	+	11.62	6.31
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	+	12.17	6.44
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	+	11.06	6.44
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	8.99	6.59
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.83	6.72
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	+	9.27	6.71
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107 †	-	8.12	6.74
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.39	6.97
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	-	8.73	6.91
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	...	7.14	6.74
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	-	6.75	6.76
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	...	11.29	7.33
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	...	9.90	7.41
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	110	+	8.57	7.22
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	-	9.98	7.55
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	115	-	9.09	7.36
115	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	114	...	8.92	7.42
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	108	-	8.29	7.41
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	128	...	10.13	7.88
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	112	+	8.87	7.84
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	-	10.91	7.43
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	111 †	+	8.77	8.05
25	21	Treas 8% 2003	24	-	8.01	8.00
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.90	8.22
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	...	9.65	8.15
70	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	...	4.95	7.52
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	108	...	8.77	8.56
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	108	-	8.78	9.39
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	-	9.84	8.60
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.22	6.35
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	-	9.70	8.55
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	99	-	8.51	8.50
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	+	10.09	8.70
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	103	-	8.67	8.55
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	94	-	8.46	8.60
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	102	-	8.75	8.69
103	93	Treas 9% 2012	102	-	8.76	9.71
72	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72 †	+	7.63	8.45
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	-	8.44	8.60
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	+	9.31	8.91
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	99 †	-	8.94	8.79
		UNDATED				
45	39	Consols 4%	45	-	8.82	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	39	+	8.77	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	-	5.65	...
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	-	8.44	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	...	9.77	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	...	...	0.91
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	197 †	-	1.62	2.32
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	-	2.35	2.90
163	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163	-	2.90	3.23
159	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	159	+	3.07	3.34
109	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	-	3.20	3.47
163	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	163	+	3.29	3.51
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	147	+	3.47	3.66
152	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	152	+	3.52	3.69
126	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	125 †	+	3.57	3.73
133	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	133	+	3.61	3.76
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	127	+	3.66	3.79
106	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	105	+	3.69	3.81
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	106	+	3.70	3.82

RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	...
Mauritius Fund (£10½)	£10½	...
New City & Com Inv Tst	91	...
New City & Com Wts	25	...
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Scottish Asian Warrants	245	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA n/p (53)	7½	+ ½
Burton n/p (60)	13½	...
Property Trust 10p (25)	22	+4
Stakis n/p (32)	12	...
Wessex Water n/p (480)	107	+9

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,200	Coats Viyella	930	Legal & Gn	540	Scot & New	402
Alld-Lyons	1,200	Cm Union	559	Lloyds Bk	2,800	Scot Power	3,100
Anglian W	601	Courtaulds	282	MB Cardn	508	Sears	1,100
Argyll Gp	2,700	De La Rue	49	Marks Spr	3,500	Svrn Trent	1,500
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Eng China C	744	NFC	51	Shell Trans	1,800
AB Foods	77	Enterpr Oil	971	NatWst Bk	2,100	Siebe	1,500
BAA	1,300	Fisons	2,300	Nat Power	1,100	SmKl Bch	2,200
BAT Inds	1,400	Forte	3,100	Nth Wst W	1,300	Smith Nph	1,100
BOC	865	GRE	431	Nthrn Fds	4,700	Smith (WH)	884
BP	8,800	GUS A	245	P & O	706	Sthrn Elec	147
BT	5,500	Gen Acc	158	Pearson	164	Std Chartd	634
BTR	1,800	Gen Elec	2,300	PowerGen	337	Sun Allnce	841
Bk of Scot	2,800	Glaxo	4,200	Prudential	4,000	TI Gp	657
Barclays	3,400	Granada	1,300	RTZ	1,100	TSB	1,800
Bass	1,600	Grand Met	3,200	Rank Org	657	Tate & Lyle	598
Blue Circle	719	Guinness	2,000	Reckitt Col	1,200	Tesco	5,700
Boots	1,000	HSBC	1,700	Redland	690	Thames W	823
Bowater	635	Hanson	6,100	Reed Intl	930	Thrn EMI	1,300
Brit Airwys	4,500	ICI	1,800	Rentokil	199	Tomkins	1,300
Brit Gas	5,400	Inchcape	538	Reuters	563	Unilever	1,300
Brit Steel	7,400	Kingfisher	929	Rothmans	46	Utd Bisc	1,400
Burmah Cast	257	Kwik Save	257	Ryl Ins	373	Vodafone	2,400
Cable Wire	738	LASMO	2,500	Ryl Bk Scot	2,100	Wellcome	679
Cadbury	751	Ladbroke	1,800	Sainsbury	2,200	Whitbd 'A'	272
Carlton Cm	1,100	Land Secs	1,300	Scot Hydro	829	Wilms Hld	547

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3442.95 (+0.81)
S&P Composite .... 448.07 (-0.86)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17281.73 (-51.17)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 5786.65 (+39.44)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 98.0 (+0.3)

Sydney: AO .... 1559.40 (+16.10)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1647.16 (+5.79)

FT 30 share: .... 2226.1 (+7.5)

Brussels:
General .... 6003.22 (-6.12)

Paris: CAC .... n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 480.3 (+2.3)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1398.63 (+2.96)
FT 500 .... 1540.33 (+3.96)
FT Gold Mines .... 78.6 (-0.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.82 (-0.16)
FT Govt Secs .... 95.34 (-0.03)
Bargains 36866
SEAQ Volume 545.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 130.57 (+0.52)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 25	February 12	May 6	May 17

Call options were taken out on 8/2/93: Acorn Comp, Barcom, Brit Aerospace, Casket, Caverdale, Domino, Eurotunnel Wts, Ferranti, Fisons, German Smlr Wts, Greycoat, IBM, Ibstock, Nat Home Lns, Queens Moat, Regalian, Rhino, Ryan Hotels, Suter, Tadpole. **Puts:** Barcom, IBM, Suter. **Puts & Calls:** Hanson Wts, Kunick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 57160)	Mar 93	2872.0	2895.0	2866.0	2875.0	7101
	Jun 93				2887.5	0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 297068)	Mar 93	94.26	94.26	94.17	94.20	12610
	Jun 93	94.73	94.73	94.60	94.63	8095
	Sep 93	94.82	94.82	94.73	94.76	3779
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 20054)	Mar 93	96.69	96.70	96.68	96.69	455
	Jun 93	96.52	96.55	96.52	96.53	805
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 449123)	Mar 93	92.15	92.15	92.01	92.01	29967
	Jun 93	93.04	93.04	92.90	92.91	30839
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 816)	Mar 93	108-04	108-05	108-04	108-08	11
	Jun 93				107-00	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 63827)	Mar 93	101-17	101-21	101-09	101-10	10927
	Jun 93	103-02	103-02	102-24	102-26	129
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.70	109.70	109.66	109.69	505
	Jun 93	109.08	109.09	109.05	109.09	120
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 149872)	Mar 93	93.22	93.29	93.12	93.14	38161
	Jun 93	93.30	93.49	93.30	93.37	1813
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 14870)	Mar 93	90.92	90.94	90.82	90.85	1402
	Jun 93	91.90	91.93	91.77	91.81	553
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 44986)	Mar 93	94.83	94.87	94.75	94.76	5024
	Jun 93	95.23	95.23	95.14	95.17	2059
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 31888)	Mar 93	97.08	97.29	96.83	97.00	13730
	Jun 93	97.10	97.10	96.77	96.85	45

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 77.2 (day's range 77.0-77.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6691-2.7059	2.6756-2.6790	⅜-½ds	1¼-1½ds
Brussels	48.67-49.69	49.11-49.21	8-12ds	27-31ds
Copenhagen	9.0260-9.1610	9.0550-9.0770	6¾-8½ds	15¼-14½pr
Dublin	0.9712-0.9892	0.9736-0.9793	52-62ds	161-187ds
Frankfurt	2.3696-2.4006	2.3807-2.3839	⅜-½ds	1¼-1⅜ds
Lisbon	214.10-217.38	214.98-215.57	111-124ds	367-393ds
Madrid	167.89-170.85	169.16-170.01	88-104ds	284-316ds
Milan	2189.80-2223.20	2192.20-2198.20	7-10ds	25-28ds
Montreal	1.8134-1.8350	1.8178-1.8199	0.06pr-par	0.06-0.05pr
New York	1.4350-1.4540	1.4385-1.4395	0.36-0.35pr	1.02-1.00pr
Oslo	10.0300-10.1600	10.0670-10.0890	2-3½ds	7½-9½ds
Paris	8.0180-8.1390	8.0530-8.0670	3½-3⅞ds	10½-11½ds
Stockholm	10.6760-10.8180	10.7240-10.7460	2½-3½ds	8½-9½ds
Tokyo	178.44-180.98	178.44-178.65	½-¼pr	1⅜-1½pr
Vienna	16.67-16.97	16.74-16.79	1¾-2⅝ds	6½-8½ds
Zurich	2.1919-2.2196	2.2016-2.2046	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6939-1.6966
Australia dollar	2.1387-2.1418
Bahrain dinar	0.5425-0.5545
Brazil cruzeiro *	24506.2-24523.6
Cyprus pound	0.7065-0.7165
Finland marka	8.2745-8.3905
Greece drachma	319.0-326.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.1123-11.1215
India rupee	43.12-43.08
Kuwait dinar KD	0.445-0.455
Malaysia ringgit	3.7793-3.7834
Mexico peso	4.45-4.55
New Zealand dollar	2.8066-2.8141
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3945-5.5205
Singapore dollar	2.3710-2.3742
S Africa rand (fin)	6.55-6.71
S Africa rand (com)	4.4878-4.4939
U A E dirham	5.283-5.407

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4883-1.4894
Austria	11.62-11.64
Belgium (Com)	33.92-33.96
Canada	1.2632-1.2637
Denmark	6.31-6.32
France	5.5875-5.5925
Germany	1.649-1.650
Hong Kong	7.733-7.734
Ireland	1.4700-1.4775
Italy	1526.0-1529.0
Japan	124.38-124.43
Malaysia	2.630-2.631
Netherlands	1.860-1.861
Norway	7.00-7.01
Portugal	149.2-149.4
Singapore	1.650-1.651
Spain	117.3-117.8
Sweden	7.44-7.45
Switzerland	1.5255-1.5265

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 6 Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth: 5¾ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5½-5⅜	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
Overnight: open 6 , close 6 .					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.10-3.07	3.24-3.21	3.54-3.51
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29, 1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32 %. Schemes II & III: 8.20 %. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.0 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2¾	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-7⅞	7⅞-7⅝	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	12-11¾	11⅝-11⅜	11⅝-11⅜	10¾-10½	12½-10½
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	11⅝-11⅜	11⅝-11⅜	10⅝-10⅜	5¼-4¾
Yen:	3¼-2⅞	3¼-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $327.80-328.20 **Close:** $327.85-328.35 **High:** $328.30-328.80 **Low:** $327.00-327.50 **Krugerrand:** $327.00-329.00 (£226.00-228.00)
Sovereigns: Old $78.00-81.00 (£53.00-55.00) **New** $78.00-81.00 (£53.00-55.00)
Platinum: $360.25 (£250.15) **Silver:** $3.67 (£2.555) **Palladium:** $113.40 (£78.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon 550	64	74	80	6½	19	25
(*603½) 600	29	43	52	23	41	48
ASDA 57	9	12½	14	4½	6½	9
(*61½) 67	3	8½	10	9½	11	14
Bass 600	33	50	62	23	36	40
(*607½) 650	11	29	40	54	67	68
Boots 500	26	37	46	17	30	34
(*501½) 550	6½	16	25	50	62	65
Br Airways 280	31	35	41	8½	18	23
(*300) 300	17	25	30	17	29	33
BP 240	32	37	40	4	9	13
(*269) 260	17	24	28	11	17	21
280	8½	15	20	21	28	31
Br Steel 70	12	15½	17½	4	7	9
(*77) 80	6	10	12½	8	12	15
C & W 700	43	62	73	21	39	47
(*717½) 750	19	37	50	49	67	75
CU 600	35	48	56	20	31	40
(*619½) 650	11	26	34	52	60	69
Courtauld 550	49	60	72	13	24	31
(*579½) 600	19	35	46	35	51	57
GKN 460	23	33	43	22	30	35
(*465½) 500	7	18	26	52	57	60
Grnd Met 420	52	65	72	6	15	20
(*457½) 460	24	41	49	20	31	36
ICI 1100	74	99	110	38	57	80
(*1172½) 1150	42	72	84	66	84	117
1200	23	52	65	105	118	135
Kingfshr 500	48	58	65	10	22	30
(*530½) 550	18	32	40	33	48	55
Ladbroke 200	17	26	32	16	24	30
(*205½) 220	9	18	24	30	36	43
Land Sec 460	37	43	48	6	19	23
(*485½) 500	13	21	26	25	43	45
M & S 330	24	31	39	8	16	19
(*342) 360	9	17	24	24	33	36
Sainsbury 550	25	37	45	19	34	40
(*545) 600	9	18	27	53	66	72
Shell 550	53	60	68	6	12	19
(*596) 600	16	30	38	27	34	42
Smkl Bch 460	26	42	51	19	28	33
(*463½) 500	10	26	34	45	52	57
Storehse 200	18	26	30	10	17	19
(*204½) 220	10	17	22	22	28	31
Trafalgar 90	7	11	14	11	16	18
(*87) 100	4	7	10	16	22	24
Unilever 1150	40	60	82	42	56	64
(*1153½) 1200	17	39	57	76	89	95
Utd Bisc 360	24	32	37	13	19	25
(*372½) 390	11	17	24	31	37	43

Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA 750	43	63	73	4	16	28
(*785½) 800	10	33	45	22	37	51
BAT Ind 950	53	66	81	5	30	41
(*995) 1000	19	39	54	21	56	65
BTR 550	20	28	39	5	20	25
(*561) 600	2½	9	17	40	52	57
Br Aero 260	21	38	51	10	31	42
(*267) 280	11	30	42	21	43	53
Br Telcm 420	6½	20½	27	8	17	25
(*417) 460	1	7	11	42	42	51
Cadbury 460	14	24	34	7	24	29
(*464½) 500	3	10	18	38	50	54
Guinness 460	28	40	48	5	19	27
(*480) 500	6	20	33	25	41	46
GEC 280	18	26	30	2½	7	14
(*295) 300	5	13½	19	9	16	23
Hanson 260	7½	13½	18	4½	12½	17
(*260½) 280	1	6½	9½	20	26	29
LASMO 160	11	19	26	6	15	20
(*168) 180	2½	11	18	18	28	33
Lucas 140	13	20	24	3½	12	15
(*148½) 160	3	11	15	15	25	28
P & O 550	29	47	56	8	35	47
(*570) 600	6	24	34	37	70	77
Pilkngtn 100	11	19	25	4½	9	15
(*106½) 110	5½	13	19	8½	15	21
Prudential 300	21	27	31	2½	11	16
(*316) 330	4	12	17	16	27	32
RTZ 650	35	48	61	6	29	38
(*678½) 700	8	25	38	31	59	67
Scot New 420	26	41	48	4½	12	23
(*446) 460	5	19	29	22	32	43
Tesco 240	11	18	24	6	14	17
(*243½) 260	4	9	15	18	27	30
Thames W 460	45	57	62	1½	6	14
(*503½) 500	13	29	34	7	18	30
Vodafone 390	19	36	44	6	18	27
(*395) 420	5	21	30	23	34	43

Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat 360	19	27	34½	14	20	26
(*366) 390	6	14	22	34	39	43
Amstrad 20	5½	6½	7	1	1	2½
(*24) 25	2	3½	4	3½	4	4½
Barclays 420	29	37	43	18	29	37
(*433) 460	10	20	28	45	52	61
Blue Circ 220	19	26	32	12	23	29
(*222½) 240	9	19	25	24	36	42
Br Gas 260	37	39	42	1½	5	7½
(*290½) 280	20	23	28	4½	12	15
300	8½	14	18	13	23	26
Dixons 220	17	27	30	12	17	24
(*220) 240	9	16	21	23	28	35
Eurotnnl 420	58	74	87	9	18	30
(*467½) 460	31	52	63	19	38	49
Forte 180	16	20	24	7½	17	21
(*188) 200	6½	11	17	19	29	33
Glaxo 600	67	86	90	10	24	21
(*666½) 650	37	62	81	29	44	57
700	18	43	56	60	74	82
HSBC 550	44	56	71	15	33	42
(*574) 600	18	32	49	40	60	68
Hillsdwn 140	17	22	26	6	14	18
(*148) 160	6	11	16	17	27	31
Lonrho 70	8	11½	14	5½	8½	12
(*74½) 80	4	7½	10	12	15	18
Reuter 1400	50	84	113	57	83	108
(*1397½) 1450	30	67	88	90	115	137
R-Royce 130	10½	15½	17½	8	12½	15½
(*132) 140	6	11	15	13½	17½	21
Sears 100	8	11	14	5	9	10
(*103) 110	4	6	9	11	14	17
Thrn Emi 850	40	61	70	18	30	51
(*864½) 900	16	35	46	47	57	80
TSB 160	11½	16	20	7	12	15
(*166) 180	5	8	12	21	24	27
Vaal Reefs 30	6	6	6½	1½	4	4½
(*$32) 35	2	4	4½	5½	6	8
Wellcome 850	57	79	99	22	41	55
(*881½) 900	29	53	78	45	67	79

Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons 220	31	41	48	12	24	29
(*236) 240	22	31	40	23	35	40

Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc 430	15	-	-	7	-	-
(*431) 460	3	17	24	27	35	49

Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr 280	28	37	40	4½	9	15
(*299) 300	14	24	28	12	17	24
Scot Pwr 220	12½	21	24	4	8½	15
(*226) 240	3½	10½	14	15	20	27

FT-SE INDEX (*2871)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Feb	134	84	47	19	7	2
Mar	152	114	82	54	33	18
Apr	159	135	100	71	50	35
May	179	144	120	92	67	49
Jun	-	170	-	101	-	66
Puts						
Feb	3	8	23	50	78	142
Mar	18	28	45	70	108	148
Apr	30	42	62	90	120	156
May	48	59	80	106	137	169
Jun	-	71	-	119	-	179

February 8, 1993 **Tot:** 30165 **Calls:** 17213 **Puts:** 12952 **FT-SE Calls:** 4210 **Puts:** 2827
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Robusta coffee futures drifted lower in quiet late trading to finish with losses, while cocoa continued to be aided by the weakness of sterling and finished with small gains. Sugar futures remained undermined by weakness in the March New York position, with trade liquidation of the first month still evident. Barley remained unchanged all day and was featureless.

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COCOA

Mar	701-700	May	795-793
May	714-712	Jul	809-807
Jul	726-725	Sep	824-822
Sep	742-740	Dec	850-845
Dec	761-758		
Mar	779-778		Volume: 2052

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	927-926	Nov	932-922
May	919-918	Jan	952-942
Jul	906-905	Mar	972-952
Sep	914-912		Volume: 2463

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	190.0-88.0
Spot: 175.7		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	179.2-78.0	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	192.0-90.0	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	194.0-92.0		Volume: 7

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	241.5-41.0
Spot: 259.6		Dec	242.0-40.0
Mar	250.7-50.0	Mar	242.5-39.5
May	253.5-53.0	May	245.5-40.5
Aug	256.5-55.7		Volume: 1191

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.15	100.54	121.75
(+/-)	-0.99	+7.25	+1.70
Eng/Wales:	83.31	100.66	121.77
(+/-)	-1.07	+6.54	+1.38
(%)	-21.5	-28.1	-20.0
Scotland:	80.08	100.08	121.61
(+/-)	-0.19	+9.59	-3.96
(%)	-7.5	-32.0	-32.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Pkg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Feb	unq	unq	May	107.0	107.0
Mar	105.9	106.0			Volume: 6

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	143.25
May	144.60
Jun	145.40
Sep	110.90
Nov	113.05
	Volume: 353

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	138.15
May	139.25
Sep	108.65
Nov	111.65
Jan	114.45
	Volume: 11

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	161.00
Apr	156.00
Jun	146.50
Aug	147.50
Oct	unq
	Volume: 197

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	46.5	44.0
May	49.0	47.0
Apr	86.0	86.0
		Volume: 317

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)
Mar 69.25-68.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The pre-Opec stagnation was already settling in and traders adopted cautious attitudes.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	18.55	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.45	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	20.20	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.20	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	193 (+2)	195 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	174 (+1)	175 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	173 (n/c)	174 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	173 (+1)	174 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (-1)	71 (n/c)
Naphtha	178 (-2)	180 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Feb	170.00-70.25	May	170.25-70.50
Mar	171.50-71.75	Jun	170.25-70.50
Apr	170.75 BID	Jul	171.50-72.00
			Vol: 11752

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	18.41-18.42	Jun	18.53-18.57
Apr	18.44-18.45	Jul	18.57 BID
May	18.48-18.50		Vol: 22167

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	191.00-92.00	May	200.00-205.0
Mar	193.25-94.00	Jun	198.00-202.0
Apr	200.00-201.0		Vol: 291

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1330	1320	1330
Mar 93	1339	1330	1335
Apr 93	1329	1317	1331
Jul 93	1188	1180	1188

Vol: 255 lots Open intrst: 2741 Index 1299 -7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1563.0-1564.0	1584.5-1585.0	516200
Lead (£/tonne)	291.50-291.75	301.00-301.25	51100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1099.0-1100.0	1119.5-1120.0	226175
Tin ($/tonne)	5828.0-5830.0	5890.0-5895.0	8580
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1218.0-1219.0	1240.5-1241.5	916475
Nickel ($/tonne)	5990.0-5995.0	6045.0-6047.0	42474

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DTI watchdog should keep insurers on a tighter leash

The collapse of MMI is a disturbing reminder of the insurance industry's problems in the '60 and '70s, **Sarah Bagnall** reports



Industry favoured by fraudsters: the late Emil Savundra who was jailed for eight years after his business failed

The recent and unexpected collapse of Municipal Mutual Insurance, the UK's ninth-biggest insurer and a major provider of local authority insurance and buildings cover for two of the top ten building societies, rocked public confidence and led to renewed concerns over whether regulation of the insurance industry is up to scratch.

As insurance companies creep closer to the trade and industry department's required solvency margin of between 16 and 18 per cent, and dangerously close to its preferred level of about 35 per cent, the need for effective monitoring has escalated. This has provoked mutterings that the department's insurance division needs beefing up if it is to do its job properly.

The MMI affair raised echoes of the 1960s and 1970s when the regulators came under fire after a series of failures and frauds. There was concern that Whitehall's civil servants, however diligent and hardworking, were isolated from the information networks of the marketplace, reluctant to make too many waves without cast iron evidence of serious problems or wrongdoing, and always under-resourced.

The industry has long been a favourite of fraudsters, such as Emil Savundra, who like the opportunities offered by a system that involves large payments coming in often years before any are due to be paid out. Mr Savundra, who set up Fire, Auto & Marine in February 1963, seemed to be a car drivers' and insurance brokers' dream. By offering low premiums and high commissions, he was inundated with business. Despite rising alarm within the insurance industry, the trade department did not step in because the company was protected from close inspection during the first two years of its existence. However, the company collapsed in 1966, leaving 400,000 drivers £2 million out of pocket. Mr Savundra was jailed for eight years.

Catching fraudsters and incompetents is the work of the DTI's insurance division, which is divided into four branches and has 100 staff. Most are involved in supervising the 840-odd insurance companies authorised to do business in the UK. But the staff level compares badly with the department's overseas equivalents; Germany and France, for example, have about 300 people. A large part of staff time is taken up with administration and a mass of correspondence with companies on matters of general procedure, such as the approval needed for a change in a major shareholder.

Reducing current confidence further is the perception that, historically, the skill of the trade department staff is poor, with little expertise of the industry. Improvements have been made over the past two years with the decision to bring in outside skills, which a DTI spokesman said reflected the need "to improve the knowledge and analytical skills of individuals". As a result, the branch of the division that deals with general insurers and composites, for example, has on secondment two accountants and an actuary from the government actuary's department.

These individuals sit in senior supervisory positions and, with a couple of other section heads, are each allocated between 80 and 120 companies to monitor. However, the time available for monitoring is truncated by other duties. The spokesman said: "A large part of their job is training the other people in the department."

The task of the day-to-day monitoring of companies falls to the division's supervisors, each of whom cover 40 companies. They scrutinise the companies' annual DTI returns, which, with the annual report and accounts, are the DTI's main monitoring tools.

The department said: "Most of the supervisors' work is examining the annual terms." A computer goes over the figures provided on the returns, which can run into hundreds of pages, and computes a list of key figures, such as the solvency margin, and highlights any figures that are found to deviate from previous years. However, the reliance on the annual report and accounts and DTI returns is not failsafe, given that both rely on the effectiveness of the auditors and the integrity of the management. Furthermore, the information in the accounts is a snap-shot of the company at only one point, while solvency margins fluctuate daily. Often, the returns and accounts do not present a completely true picture of a company's financial health. Management has a raft of tactics available to artificially inflate assets, many of which are not easy to detect.

As with many industry sectors, there are always some teams of management that will want to present the best possible picture and there is no denying that they have the means and the incentive to do so. Company balance sheets have been badly damaged by the massive losses from catastrophes such as hurricanes, floods, plane crashes and pollution. Compounding the problems are the low premium rates of recent years, caused by competition for business. Consequently, solvency margins are groaning under the strain.

Gone are the days when companies proudly brandished margins of 80 per cent-plus. Now, most of the major companies are revealing ratios in the mid-30s and 40s and even these are often flattered by accounting tricks.

There is little doubt that regulation has been increased since the late 1960s and early 1970s, when companies such as Vehicle and General, Nation Life and Fire, Auto & Marine crashed. In response to these collapses, an act was passed in 1974, which ruled that nobody can carry on insurance without authorisation from the trade and industry department. Other requirements include the need for companies to have sufficient assets to cover their potential liabilities, measured by the solvency margin, and management to be deemed "fit and proper".

There is no doubt that monitoring companies closely is particularly important now, with so many in a poor financial state. But if the government is going to protect policyholders' money efficiently, then it must strengthen the trade department's insurance division substantially by employing more and better trained staff.

This should be accompanied by a freeing up of time to make sure that staff have enough time for monitoring. Too much time is spent on administration, too little on supervision. The advantage of a better staffed department would be a much needed reduction in the reliance placed on the company and its auditors to draw the department's attention to problems and to provide a true picture of the company's financial health.

Overall, there needs to be a change in policy. The desire to stand back and "regulate with a light touch" may be admirable as a concept but is it really the best approach for an industry with such a track record?

TEMPUS

Divorce becomes absolute

ROYAL Bank of Scotland has taken exactly a year to sell Charterhouse since merchant banking was declared a non-core activity. The complex deal finally reached shows how much of a buyer's market it has been. Royal paid £150 million for 100 per cent in 1985, in the heady days just before London's Big Bang, and has had to do some interesting arithmetic to show this was a bargain. Retention of the capital markets business may prove smart, but earnings are unlikely to benefit directly from the deal.

Lloyds has already withdrawn from its home-grown merchant banking presence while NatWest and TSB's Hill Samuel have been scaling down heavily. Judging from the clearers' recent record, this should be a terrific time to invest in London merchant banking.

In Royal's case, the withdrawal from all but 10 per cent of Charterhouse was more a case of divorce on personal grounds than selling the family silver to pay for bad debts. Charterhouse was never really integrated into the group and wanted to stay outside when the former federation was reorganised.

Even so, Royal's strategic thinking remains unclear. Outside Scotland, it hardly ranks as a top player in a competitive retail market. Fee business, venture capital and specialised international corporate finance might therefore appear attractive. If Charterhouse did not provide these dimensions to the group, albeit being generally profitable on its own, then management failed to deliver its own original prospectus.

Royal is no lame duck, as its valuation suggests. The shares yield 5.1 per cent on the likely uncovered dividend and, on median estimates, sell at some 20 times prospective earnings. As at some other banks whose shares discount recovery, future strategy remains shrouded in present problems.

Whessoe

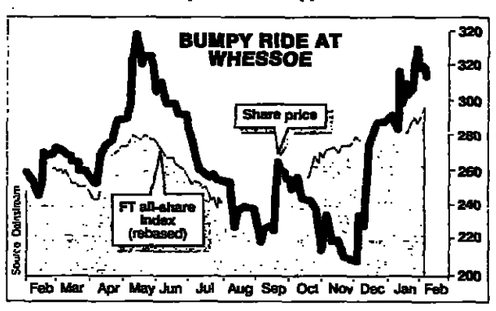
WHESSOE'S proposed purchase of Autronica is another step in its successful transformation from a heavy engineering company into a high-tech electronics group. Yesterday's acquisition will further bolster its instrumentation and control division, which will now account for over 60 per cent of its profits.

This looks a good deal. Autronica is only reckoned to have broken even last year on turnover of £29 million but, allowing for one-off charges, there should be no initial dilution of Whessoe earnings.

There also appears to be scope to raise Autronica's erratic underlying profits.

Despite Autronica's weak financial performance, it has a good technical reputation and has several good products. In particular, the deal gives Whessoe access to radar gauge technology, which it would have otherwise needed to develop itself at considerable cost. It has also acquired a new fire systems business, which it claims has some technical, and possibly customer, overlap with its current businesses.

Given the host of benefits, the proposed rights issue, if not entirely welcome, should be supported.



Enterprise Oil

ENTERPRISE Oil's sale of stakes in three North Sea oil fields, following Lasmo's £126 million disposal, shows profitable deals can still be done in a weak market.

For Enterprise, this was a canny deal. It won a full price of $106 million for non-core assets. Indeed, by selling its stake in the North West Hutton field, due for closure in 1996, it has side-stepped abandonment costs of more than £10 million.

The cash generated from these disposals, combined with its $127 million issue of preference shares in America last year, has slashed gearing from an expected peak of 100 per cent to under 45 per cent. This allows it to make acquisitions to improve its production profile beyond 1997 after its Scott and Nelson fields have peaked.

These two sites, the last of the big known North Sea fields still to be developed, will provide a massive kick to Enterprise's profits in the next few years. Pre-tax profits for 1992 are forecast to be £82 million, rising to £170 million in 1994 when production starts on these fields.

Yesterday's disposal has also ensured Enterprise's dividend is covered. Cover of 1.2 times is still below the market average of 1.9 times, but it is an impressive achievement from an oil independent, given the abysmal oil price over the last two years.

Enterprise's prospects do not hang on a recovery in oil prices. Given the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of this weekend's Opec meeting, that is comforting.

Bryant Group

THE good news for housing market optimists is that Bryant Group spotted increased activity by estate agents and higher interest from potential house-buyers in January. The bad news is that this was in January 1992, although identical signs of an upturn were dutifully trotted out again with yesterday's interim figures.

Bryant is hardly the first to espy a false dawn and we are undeniably now closer to the eventual recovery than we were a year ago. Bryant has negligible gearing, which allows it to take advantage of low prices to build up its land bank, and will be one of those housebuilders to prosper in the market of the 1990s, which will centre on benefits from higher volumes rather than site value inflation.

On Barclays de Zoete Wedd's numbers, the shares sell on almost 30 times this year's earnings and 19 times next. Those same housing optimists might note that this suggests the market has already placed its bets on the improvement coming earlier rather than later.

John Menzies

JOHN Menzies seems to be overcoming some of its recent problems. The sale of its problematic Hammicks book stores has offloaded one headache and provided a welcome cash fillip of £6.8 million.

The stream of extraordinary charges on Early Learning Inc appears to have been finally plugged and the UK side of the business has infact performed unexpectedly well.

As a result, interest charges have fallen by a third, forcing some analysts to upgrade their full-year forecasts — a welcome change for the lowly rated wholesale and retail chain.

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Military precision

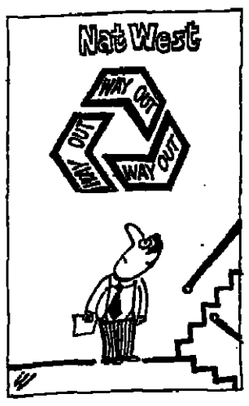
WHO better to run "a lean, mean, private banking machine" than a former adjutant of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Stuart Crocker, who left the army in 1985 because he was "young, free, single and wanted to go to London to have some fun," chose private banking as his new vocation, starting out at Merrill Lynch before moving on to Banque Paribas, where he rose to deputy general manager. Married last May, and now awaiting the birth of his first child and a move to a 350-year-old farm house in East Sussex, Crocker is charged with building up from scratch a new private client business for Rabobank Nederland. The triple A-rated Dutch bank, which wishes to attract only those with more than £500,000 to invest, will subcontract much of its portfolio management to Guernsey, Luxembourg, Zurich and Singapore allowing Crocker, himself poached via headhunters NMC, to keep his overheads low. He says: "It will be very lean, very mean, and very hungry." And no doubt run with military precision.

Cheers to Scourse

KEY figures from the brewing industry attended a retirement party at the Savoy last week in a shroud of secrecy. Fears that the high-profile guest list could attract IRA bombs meant that the gathering for Neil Scourse, director of research at BZW, was kept under wraps until the last minute. Scourse, a drinks sector specialist with BZW since 1986, celebrated with guests including Sir Anthony Tennant, the Guinness chairman, and Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman of Grand Metropolitan. Sir Peter Middleton, BZW chairman, opened proceedings and presented Scourse, a committed smoker, with a silver ashtray. Scourse, 54, has been a prominent figure in the drinks industry for 25 years, and worked at Fielding, Newson-Smith for 17 years before joining BZW. He now expects to do a little industry consulting. Besides being part of the top three rated team in the Extel analysts survey for much of the post-Big Bang era, Scourse is also liked and admired by his colleagues, who describe him as "a cross between an Oxford don and a lager lout".

Brick poser

PROPERTY watchers waiting for the upturn can occupy their brains by pondering a challenge issued by Mike Rose, managing director of Butterley Brick, a Derbyshire brick manufacturer, which is part of Hanson. Rose has offered a magnum of champagne to whoever can reasonably suggest what to do with the 1.5 billion bricks that lie unsold in builders' yards around the country — the largest stockpile ever known in the UK. Rose, also chairman of the Brick Development Association, has his own idea: "Personally, I think we should build houses with it."



Weight in sweets

A PARTNER at Denton Hall, the law firm based in Chancery Lane, has been caught with sticky fingers. Chris Denny successfully made a bid of £250 for his weight in Woolworths' Pic 'n' Mix sweets at a Property Managers Association lunch, and was duly presented with 14 stones of sweets at Woolworths' Northampton branch on Saturday. Denny, a retail property specialist, has decided that various charities should help him out with the sweets.

TRAVEL Trade Gazette *has come up with what looks like a convincing reason why the proposed takeover of Owners Abroad by Airtours should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It points out that 58 per cent of agents selling long-haul holidays cited Airtours as the most complained about company. Owners Abroad brands accounted for 20 per cent. Put together these two figures would constitute a huge and unreasonable monopoly, says TTG fairly enough.*

WENDY VAIZEY

Four entrepreneurs who survived recession

BY MARTIN BARROW

FOUR executives whose companies have achieved significance through the darkest days of the recession, have been short-listed in the category of entrepreneur of the year in the Coopers & Lybrand PLC Awards, held in association with The Times.

Iain Cater, chief executive of Seton Healthcare, has guided his bandages and dressings company from a market capitalisation of £23 million on flotation in 1990, to £104.8 million at the current share price of 360p. Seton is best known for its Tubiton and Tubigrip tubular bandages, invented by Norman Stollor, father of the present chairman. The company now supplies a wide range of branded healthcare products.

COOPERS & LYBRAND PLC AWARDS

Last November, Seton announced its biggest acquisition with the £8.2 million purchase of Cupal, an over-the-counter pharmaceuticals company, funded through a £13.1 million rights issue.

Profits in 1992 were £4.8 million before tax, up from £3.01 million in 1991, and brokers are forecasting profits of about £6.25 million for the current year. Seton is rated a high growth company in a dynamic sector.

David Crossland, chairman of Airtours, made his most ambitious move yet with the £208 million hostile bid for Owners Abroad, but the company had already shown spectacular growth. Just weeks before the Owners Abroad bid, Airtours acquired Pickfords' 333 travel shops for £16 million. Airtours was easily the best performing share in 1991, with an increase of more than 400 per cent, and investors continued to buy the shares last year.

Profits in the last full 12-month period rose to £36.5 million before tax from £27.5 million and cash balances at the year-end were £150 million. Forecasts are for profits of about £41.5 million in the current year, even without further acquisitions.

Andrew Cohen, chief executive of Betterware, has discovered the formula to make customers spend money even when cash is in short supply. While high street retailers have been telling tales of woe, Betterware, the door-to-door distributor of household goods, has continued to increase sales and profits.

In the six months to end-September, profits rose to £6.3 million from £2.81 million. Sales in the core home shopping division rose to £23 million from £8.3 million.

Mr Cohen believes Betterware fills a gap left by the hardware shops that have disappeared over recent years to make way for larger do-it-yourself outlets. It now has 9,000 self-employed sales people, helped by a sophisticated computerised street mapping system.

Richard Phillips, chairman of Benson Group, the specialist engineer, has proved how recession and a dispirited stock market can be a boon to entrepreneurs who want to buy companies at knock-down prices. Acquisitions have radically changed Benson's corporate profile, building up turnover to about £30 million this year, compared with £12.6 million. The company is back in the black and has returned to the dividend list. Profits of about £2.6 million are expected this year, compared with losses of £3.7 million two years ago.

The PLC Awards will be presented on March 11, at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, when the guest speaker will be Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry secretary.



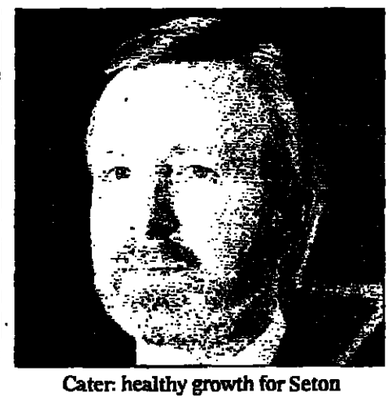
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Phillips: Benson on buying trail



Crossland: Airtours still flying high



Cater: healthy growth for Seton

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7	Ladbroke	Hotels,Cat	
8	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
9	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
10	Medeva	Industrial	
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12	Forward Gp	Electrical	
13	Lex Service	Motors,Air	
14	Sims Food	Foods	
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17	Scot Heritable	Industrial	
18	Enterprise	Oils, Gas	
19	Courtaulds	Chems,Plas	
20	Hutch Whamp	Business Serv	
21	North West	Water	
22	Sage Gp	Electrical	
23	Pentos	Drapery,Strs	
24	Auto Sec	Business Serv	
25	Rank Org	Industrial	
26	Kinross	Mining	
27	Thames Water	Water	
28	Blyvoors	Mining	
29	First Tech	Electrical	
30	Gold Greenless	Paper,Print	
31	Cussins	Building,Rds	
32	Marley	Building,Rds	
33	Broken Hill	Industrial	
34	Gabbicci	Drapery,Strs	
35	Filofax	Paper,Print	
36	Nthn Foods	Foods	
37	Scot & New	Breweries	
38	Great Sthrn	Industrial	
39	Pendragon	Motors,Air	
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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
390	245½	Abbey Ntl	366	-1	10.5	3.8	12.6
205	154	Allied Irish	198	...	...	5.7	12.0
197½	105	Aus New Z	139	-3	...	6.5	...
3687½	1906½	Bankamerica	3675 †	-12½	...	...	...
205	141	Bk of Ireland	199	...	...	6.0	31.9
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
136	97	Bank Scotland	129½	+1	4.3	4.5	20.4
464	274	Barclays	434	+5	21.1	6.5	...
6	1½	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	33	+1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
440	295	Cater Allen	436	...	26.0	8.0	...
102	61	Catties	102	...	3.8	5.0	14.9
2187½	912½	Chase Manh	2187½	+31½	...	...	...
1850	537½	Citicorp	1800½	-43½	...	...	...
292	205	Close Bros	291	...	9.5	4.4	13.0
£115	8687½	Commerzbk	£113	-300	...	3.5	...
£281	£214	Deutsche Bk	£281	...	...	2.2	...
92	13	First Nat Fin	90	...	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1001	+25	...	0.5	56.9
421	230	Gerrard Nat	416	-2	21.0	6.7	...
584	236	HSBC	574	+5	...	3.4	23.6
577	313	HSBC HK	555	+6	...	3.6	22.8
315	202	Hambros	300	-13	13.8	6.1	13.3
395	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
118	54	King Shaxson	118	...	5.0	5.6	...
367	212	Kleinwort Ben	365	...	16.0	5.8	31.9
573	346	Lloyds	534	-3	16.7	4.2	18.1
77	40	Lon Scot Bk	77 †	+1	3.0	5.2	...
360	258	Nat Aust Bk	360	+3	...	5.6	12.5
485	251	Nat West	442	-6	17.5	5.3	61.1
785	418	Provident	784	...	25.0	4.3	17.9
45	15	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	236	+1	8.8	5.0	...
1488	1043	Schroders	1488	+3	18.0	1.6	17.3
672	364	Stand Chart	625	-8	20.0	4.3	16.1
179	115	TSB	166	-½	6.4	5.2	-
200	38	Union Disc	105	-1	13.5	...	...
615	403	Warburg SG	613	...	18.0	3.9	18.1
215	137	-do- 6% 'A'	213½	+½	...	3.7	...
6650½	3087½	Wells Fargo	6550	+56½	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	141	...	...	5.7	-
253	188	Wintrust	198	...	9.3	6.4	7.5

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	603	+7	20.0	4.4	14.0
656	472	Bass	608	+7	18.9	4.1	13.2
210	146	Boddington	210	+7	6.6	4.2	13.3
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	389	...	9.0	3.3	17.0
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	152	...	4.4	3.9	11.1
291	194	Devenish (JA)	275	...	7.8	3.8	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	91	...	...	4.8	24.1
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	64	+2	...	2.1	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	350	...	...	2.6	14.7
518	360	Grand Met	457½	+½	12.1	3.6	15.1
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	412	...	11.7	3.8	13.6
530	405	Greene King	522	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	479	-2	10.8	3.0	13.7
346	245	Hardy Hansn	277	...	7.9	3.8	15.4
145	113	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.7	-
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Distl	264	+3	6.0	3.0	17.6
48	21	Hoskins Brew	42	...	...	...	30.2
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	284	-4	6.5	3.1	16.0
220	151	Macallan-Glen	172	+3	0.7	0.6	34.7
620	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	418	...	8.8	2.8	13.1
720	515	Mansfield	681	...	13.6	2.7	14.6
269	166	Marston Thmp	235	-1	4.9	2.8	13.8
477	394	Matthew Clark	420 †	-4	15.7	5.0	12.6
351	195	Mrrydwn W	300	+1	...	...	21.7
493	320	Morland	488	...	8.4	2.3	19.5
10½	5	Paramount	9	+½	...	2.1	16.0
1020	665	SA Breweries	863	...	...	3.1	-
492	380	Scot & New	445	+6	16.1	4.8	12.1
200	145	Taunton Cider	188	...	...	3.4	17.6
241	148	Vaux Group	232	...	9.3	5.4	16.0
249	165	Wetherspoon JD	247	...	...	2.6	20.0
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	481	+2	16.9	4.7	13.5
1436	1090	-do- 'B'	1100	...	16.9	2.1	31.0
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	593	+2	11.4	2.6	16.7
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
98	60	Abbey	95	...	...	1.4	34.3
27	9	Albrighton	22	+6	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	100	...	...	6.7	10.8
182	53	Amec	92	+1	10.2	...	8.5
27	2½	Anglia Sec	8	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashstead	177	...	4.1	3.1	23.8
151	100	Atwoods	137	+1	5.0	4.9	19.8
231	123	BPB Ind	213	-6	11.2	...	54.2
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	79	...	3.1	5.3	26.5
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
118	68	Barcom	99	...	1.2	1.7	18.0
130	34	Barratt Devs	127	+3½	2.0	2.1	14.1
390	193	Bellway	390	+5	11.5	3.9	21.6
30	14	Bellwinch	28	+1	...	...	...
355	186	Berkeley Gp	352	...	5.0	1.9	23.3
100	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
89	27	Blockleys	79	...	3.3	...	38.8
284½	121	Blue Circle	223	-2	11.2	6.7	22.3
245	140½	Boot (Henry)	245	...	...	2.9	13.4
108	82	Breedon PLC	90	-4	4.6	6.2	19.2
132	66	Br Dredging	91	...	7.4	10.8	11.8
180	42	Brit Fittings	66	...	5.3	...	...
126	60	Bryant	124	+7	4.8	5.2	26.2
80	38	CALA	60	...	2.3	5.1	...
249	187	CRH	226	+1	...	3.9	12.6
49	14	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	25	+1	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	136	-4	4.1	4.8	29.9
66	23	Crest Nicholson	52	-5	0.0	...	...
58	14	Cussins	46	+6	...	...	...
6	½	Dunton	3	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	24	+1½	1.8	...	9.8
211	132	Epwin	181	...	...	4.9	14.0
54	23	Erith	34	...	2.0	...	...
295	220	Eve Group	295	...	...	4.4	10.6
88	25	Evered Bardon	49	+1	5.6	...	26.4
19	3	Explaura	4½	-½	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	98	...	...	...	...
79	40	Galliford	47	-1	4.3	12.2	18.9
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	703	...	12.7	2.4	10.4
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	99½	...	3.1	4.4	20.1
63	28	Hewetson	36	-2	2.6	...	35.3
25	15	Hey & Croft	16 #	...	...	...	...
388	128	Heywd Wlm	207	+1	12.5	8.1	19.0
106	29	Higgs & Hill	63	...	9.0	...	9.6
39	23	How Gp	31	...	2.5	...	10.7
20	10	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.5	...
96	38	Ibstock Johnsen	52	-2	8.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	16	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	218	...	9.0	5.5	11.3
35	3½	Lilley	7½ #	...	2.0	...	3.4
122	77	Ln Clydeside	78 †	...	4.5	7.7	29.4
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	14½	-½	...	...	6.5
295	180	Manders	280	...	7.0	3.3	19.5
148	57	Marley	109	+2	4.2	5.1	27.5
97	47	Marshalls	72	...	...	8.3	24.1
155	101	Maunders (J)	130	...	4.9	5.1	11.9
219	76	McAlpine (A)	141	+2	10.3	...	9.8

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	19	McCarthy & S	26	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Intl	314	-12	16.5	7.0	32.3
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	80	+3	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	74	...	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	126	...	...	8.4	-
327	146	Persimmon	246	+2	8.6	4.7	20.3
36	19	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	87	...	3.4	5.2	...
23	3½	Quiligotti	5	...	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	597	+1	20.0	4.5	22.3
137	67	Raine Ind	107½	...	6.0	7.4	18.0
96	23	Ramus	27	-1	...	...	...
566	300	Redland	473	-4	25.0	7.0	29.4
101	61	Roskel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	233	-3	6.4	3.7	17.6
48	25	Swfld-Brea	33	...	...	...	5.9
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	75	...	4.0	7.1	...
135	70	Sheffield Insl	135	...	5.4	5.3	34.9
89	53	Sheriff Bldgs	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shore	83	...	...	8.4	12.8
272	188	Smart (J)	228	...	8.5	5.0	10.4
15	4½	Starmin	5	-½	0.3	8.0	6.0
161	51	Tarmac	114	...	5.5	6.4	47.1
236	129	Tay Homes	192	+1	5.8	4.1	10.6
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	78	+1	9.5	...	11.0
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	529	-2	33.0	8.3	17.4
48	18	Torea Hires	23	+1	...	2.3	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	188	+2	8.0	5.7	26.6
58	20	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
38	28	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	64	+7	3.6	7.5	11.8
53	12	Ward Hldgs	34	+1	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	266	Watts Blake	470	+22	9.3	2.6	34.4
19	9	Wescol	9	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	116	+1	...	5.6	...
18	4½	West Scaffold	5	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	398	+1	8.7	2.9	20.4
221	96	Wilson (C)	176	+1	3.9	3.0	27.9
199	65	Wimpey G	140	-1	...	5.0	53.8
81	26	YRM	26	...	4.0	...	2.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	493	+3	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	223	...	11.0	6.6	3.5
127	55	Air London	73	...	...	6.4	9.0
63	34	African Lakes	39	+2	2.0	6.8	7.8
152	81	Auto Sec	140	+3	4.9	4.7	11.4
128	80	BET Ord	105	...	...	8.3	15.4
100	41	BNB Res	72	+2	4.9	9.1	8.4
318	208	BPP	315	...	6.9	2.9	17.8
285	178	Barbour Index	270	...	7.2	3.6	20.0
30½	13	Boustead	16	...	0.7	5.8	32.7
223	111	Brk Data Mgt	223	+7	...	2.4	18.6
14	9	Broadcastle	12	...	...	...	...
101	53	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	95	+6	2.4	3.4	10.8
447	262	Capita Group	447	+5	5.4	1.6	25.7
36	19	Castor Plc	34	...	0.5	2.0	12.9
270	254	Chiltern Capital	52	-½	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
260	180	Chubb Sec	257	...	...	1.5	28.4
43	18	Comac	25	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	9½	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	69	...	3.3	6.4	7.8
216	145	Davis Service	204	...	7.9	5.2	15.5
115	85	EW Facts	100	...	...	5.7	7.4
57	8	Gardiner	13½	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardner (DQ)	30	+1	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	246	+5	4.6	2.5	24.2
251	167½	Hogg Robinsn	218	...	6.3	3.9	16.4
143½	43	Holmes Protecn	65	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hutch Whamp	146	+4	...	...	15.7
£110½	6837½	ISS B DKr	£110½	...	...	1.0	15.6
587	375	Inchcape	578	-5	12.5	2.9	24.6
769	561	Johnson Clean	769	+2	25.7	4.5	16.0
18½	2½	Lep	10	-½	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	233	...	2.7	1.6	19.1
115½	682	Manpower	115½	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Michael Page	43½	...	1.8	5.5	12.1
250	88	Pennas	250	...	...	1.1	63.3
5½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	108	...	19.5	24.1	2.3
453	395	RCO	422	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	65	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	144	...	...	4.2	14.5
13	4	Rentaminster	4 #	...	...	...	...
227	134	Rentokil	219	...	1.6	1.0	32.2
245	180	Rolfe & Nolan	245	...	6.2	3.4	16.4
389	234	Salvesen (C)	384	-5	7.0	2.4	21.2
43	25	Scott Pickford	31	...	...	3.4	8.5
206	98	Securiguard	199	-2	9.4	6.5	-
12	1½	Select Appt	5½	+½	...	...	...
768	555	Serco Gp	760	...	11.9	2.1	24.4
283	132	Sherwd Cmpt	255	...	...	3.1	6.9
157	82½	Stretchley	122	...	3.0	3.3	14.8
360	270	Warner Howrd	345	...	5.9	2.3	19.5
81	41½	Welpac	42	...	0.6	1.9	...
22½	7½	Wills Gp	22½	+½	0.1	0.6	28.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	243	+3	3.9	2.1	19.3
699	413	Amersham	688	+1	12.5	2.4	25.5
31½	5	Anglo Utd	9½	...	0.8	...	...
9425	7362½	BASF DM	9425	+125	...	8.4	...
260	201	BTP	255	...	8.8	4.6	18.6
£115½	9050	Bayer DM50	£115½	+184½	...	4.9	...
248	136	Blagden	140	...	9.5	8.7	10.5
158	115	Brent Chems	151	...	7.3	6.5	71.4
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	522	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	26	+½	2.5	13.3	6.5
170	112	Canning (W)	151	...	7.2	6.4	12.1
616	371	Courtaulds	580	+7	13.0	3.0	15.8
270½	142	Croda	263	...	7.5	3.8	20.0
211	152	Ellis & Everard	193 †	-1	7.0	4.9	17.6
16½	7	Euro Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
135	43	Evode	134	...	3.5	3.6	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	...	...	2.8	15.0
227	158	Hickson	221	+1	7.8	4.7	14.1
£111	7537½	Hoechst	£111	+250	...	7.1	...
1410	975	ICI	1175	+46	55.0	6.2	28.3
660	434	Laporte	655	+3	18.9	3.8	17.6
328	138	Leigh	221	...	7.8	4.7	18.0
290	11	MTM	17½	+1½	1.8	...	3.5
1600	1100	Norsk Hydro	1575	-25	...	2.1	...
400	360	Paterson Zoch	400	...	11.4	3.8	17.3
395	355	-do- 'A'	371	...	11.4	4.1	16.0
301	231	Plysu	291	-2	6.0	2.7	19.6
206	130	Porvair	205	...	...	2.1	21.3
12½	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	12½	+½	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	458	-1	16.0	4.7	18.6
430	270	Wlstnhlme R	430	...	16.3	5.1	18.9
400	253	Yorks Chem	400	...	...	2.4	20.9
281	214	Yule Cato	281	+2	5.4	2.6	17.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	82	+5	...	4.9	4.5
109	23	Amber Day	44	...	3.1	9.4	12.1
306	190	Argos Plc	275	...	6.4	3.1	19.1
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	81	...	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey	298	...	...	2.2	24.2
340	180	Austin Reed	198	...	6.0	...	57.6
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	...	5.7	5.1	14.3
144	74	Bentalls	108	...	3.8	4.8	60.9
266	86	Betterware	255	-10	...	0.6	35.1
114	22	Blacks Leis	27	...	...	...	5.6
371	133	Body Shop	145	+3	1.6	1.5	16.7
13½	3	Brown & Jacksn	12½	...	...	...	...
361	260	Brown (N)	361	...	6.0	2.2	22.4
80½	29	Burton	73 †	...	...	3.7	...
320	126	Cantors	138	...	...	2.6	18.3
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	121	-8	3.7	4.1	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	225	+1	7.0	4.1	25.8
163	77	Colourvision	89 †	...	...	...	15.0
403	300	Courts Furnish	403 †	...	5.0	1.7	20.2
252	100	Crown Eyes	115	...	...	7.0	5.3
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	95	+1	...	...	15.4
57	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	57	...	0.7	1.7	18.9
286	179	Dixons Grp	220	-5	6.0	3.6	25.9
495	355	Dunhill	376	...	7.7	2.7	13.0
33	13	ERA Gp	19	-2	...	...	8.8
780	480	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
98	36½	Essex Furn	98	+2	...	3.7	19.6
258	199	Etam	213	...	6.6	4.1	19.0
519	340	Fine Art Dev	518	+1	11.0	2.8	19.9
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	45	...	4.0	...	32.9
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
38	5	French Conn	37	...	...	...	...
75	21	Gabbicci	32	+3	...	8.3	6.4
69	39	Gent SR	50	+2	2.0	5.3	14.7
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	1.8	...	...
2530	1800	GUS	2525	-5	40.0	2.1	20.0
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1626	-9	40.0	3.3	12.8
75	30	Hampden Grp	38	...	...	7.0	5.4
283	123	Harstone	255	...	4.8	2.5	15.6
25	16½	Helene Plc	23½	...	2.0	11.4	10.3
40	18	Heritage	35	-1	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle	39	-1	...	3.4	6.5
168	130	Hse of Lerose	143	...	10.3	9.6	21.7
195	40	Jacques Vert	64 †	...	2.0	...	...
998	414	Kingfisher	531	+4	13.0	3.3	15.9
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	+1	4.0	8.1	11.1
675	405	Liberty	663	...	7.2	1.4	45.1
373	162	Lloyds Chem	293	-2	5.5	2.5	11.5
152	90½	MFI	137 †	-4	...	3.6	18.3
348	268	Marks Spencer	342	...	7.1	2.8	20.8
482	319	Menzies (John)	482	+16	10.0	2.8	15.9
140	110	Moss Bros	137	...	5.0	4.9	26.4
159½	57	Next	146	+½	0.7	0.7	28.8
85	15	Oliver (G)	18	...	1.0	...	...
222	110	Ocidame Intl	220	+5	...	3.5	14.3
143	49	Pentos	55	+4	2.7	6.7	6.5
278	202	QS Hldgs	270	-1	4.7	2.3	20.9
29	7	Ratners Group	16½	...	2.4	19.4	...
35	10	Rhino Grp	12½	-2	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	159	-1	...	1.9	15.3
113	54	Sears	100	...	...	4.5	26.3
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	426	+1	13.4	4.2	14.9
29	13	Specialeyes	13	...	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	205	-1	5.0	3.3	...
256	153	T & S Stores	190	-1	5.5	3.9	12.4
95	27	Tie Rack	93	...	0.5	0.7	...
190	132	Time Products	189	...	7.5	5.3	18.5
86	47	Usher (Frank)	83	+3	...	8.0	8.1
38	23	Vival	28	...	...	...	27.3
66	28	Wensum	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	100	+2	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leather	56	...	...	...	65.9
205	102½	Wyevale	163	+1	...	3.0	18.1
7	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
100	45	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	181	-1	4.5	3.3	17.8
233	195	Acale	233	...	...	3.3	19.5
162½	6	Acorn Compt	146	+18½	...	...	...
450	299	Admiral	435	+5	4.8	1.5	19.0
133	94	Alba	116	...	4.7	5.5	15.1
75	7	Alphameric	20½	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	24	...	0.4	2.2	...
141	83	App Holo	128	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	16	-1	...	...	...
48	12	Asrec	45	...	...	...	...
292	218	Bestes Hunter	269 †	...	9.2	4.6	14.2
20	1½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	359	-12	19.2	7.1	21.9
575	314	Bisk	560	-5	9.2	2.2	21.6
4575	1150	Borland	1350	-50	...	...	...
290	208	Bowthorpe	283	-2	6.0	2.8	19.4
430½	305	BT	416½	-6	14.4	4.6	15.2
325½	212	BT New	311½	-6	14.4	4.6	15.2
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9	+1½	0.1	1.5	...
226	80	Burnfield	130	+1	...	5.9	18.5
731	489	Cable Wireless	717	-1	13.2	2.5	22.1
14½	4½	Chloride	13½	-½	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro	246	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comput People	85	...	5.4	...	11.0
16	1	Cranbrooke	1	...	...	...	...
150½	60½	Cray Elect	150	...	...	0.4	12.3
506	331	Delta	451	-1	14.0	4.1	17.8
287	148	Densmans Ele	287	...	...	2.8	-
607	375	Domino	607	+5	7.2	1.6	-
66	43	Dowding Mills	64	...	2.5	5.2	21.0
1015	790	Druck	963	-3	...	1.3	25.5
382	233	Electrocomponts	380	...	7.0	2.5	20.6
545	286	El Data Prc	480	-2	5.1	1.4	13.1
75	28	Electron House	73	+4	2.3	4.4	21.9
25½	7	Emess	19	-1	1.0	...	...
546	292	Eurotherm	546 †	-16	8.0	2.0	-
122	51	FKI	120	-1	2.3	2.6	23.2
367	227	Farnell Elec	340	...	5.8	2.3	18.5
40	18	Feedback	35	...	...	...	...
13½	3½	Ferranti	13	...	...	...	...
125	30	First Tech	125	+5	...	...	...
95	71	Forward Gp	95	-7	...	3.5	11.4
28½	10	Forward Tech	18½	...	...	...	...
302	183	GEC	295	-½	9.6	4.3	15.6
227	102	Graseby	172	...	10.9	8.4	14.9
57	38	Hilcare	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
455	395	Hoskyns Gp	453 †	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM	83	-1	...	6.7	5.3
342	190	Jones Stroud	341	...	8.0	3.2	14.7

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
21	6	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys	74	...	...	...	3.7
132	92	Kode	131	...	...	4.1	17.3
31	8	Laser-Scan	31	+3	...	...	...
171	47½	LBMS	171	+15	...	...	...
315	240	Lec Refrig	293	+3	14.5	6.6	22.4
179	125	Life Sciences	179	+1	3.3	2.5	19.9
232	130	Logica	190	...	3.6	2.6	22.3
55	45	LPA Ind	48 †	...	...	9.8	13.5
597	371	Macro 4	577	...	...	2.9	21.3
613	305	Memtec-Sw	596	-5	...	2.0	19.4
212	159	Microfilm Rep	206	...	4.3	2.8	19.6
2943	1453	Micro Focus	2890	-8	...	...	32.1
226	130	Microgen	225	...	7.2	4.3	-
35	13	Microvitec	29	...	...	...	...
497	301	Misys	496 †	-1	8.1	1.6	22.6
147	40	Mitel	147	+9	...	...	...
138	78	MMT Compt	138	...	...	3.4	17.5
92	25	Molynx	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
373	202	MTL Inst	240	...	...	1.9	14.9
165	82	Muirhead Elec	165	+1	3.0	2.4	20.2
143	71	Murray Elect	142	...	1.8	1.8	-
5912½	3062½	NYNEX	5912½	+12½	...	...	...
188	115	Neotronics	184	...	2.6	1.9	23.8
63	32	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
90	33	Norbain	90	+5	...	1.5	13.5
50	20	Northamber	31	+6	0.5	2.2	...
17½	9½	Oceonics	10	...	...	...	6.5
254	165	Oxford Inst	222	...	4.3	2.6	14.9
127	46	P-E Intern'l	58	...	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	39	-2	4.3	...	13.9
68	42	Peek	68	...	3.4	6.7	20.1
190	85	Pegasus	169	-1	...	3.5	-
9200	7000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp nv	900	+37½	...	...	...
437	310	Pilco	437	+9	7.7	2.4	37.3
415	290	-do- 'A' Voting	415	+7	7.7	2.5	35.4
95	48	Plasmec	94	...	...	3.5	12.1
104	63	Pressac	100	...	2.4	3.2	19.5
220	65	Psion	109	-2	...	2.9	...
11	2	Ptarmigan	10	...	...	...	...
190	129	Racal Elect	188	+3	1.5	1.1	22.3
46	26	Radamec	45	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
64	25	Radius	57	-1	...	6.3	42.4
118	62	Real Time	66	...	...	6.1	6.0
28	10	Riva	21	...	...	...	...
544	328	Sage Gp	542	+4	9.0	2.2	17.4
66	44	Scantronic	63	...	2.9	6.3	19.9
142	92	Scholes Grp	138	...	5.0	4.8	27.1
340	179	Sema Gp	285	...	2.6	1.2	24.5
45	21	Silverdines	39	+2	...	7.4	...
50	29	Soundtracks	41 †	...	...	7.2	-
1981½	1275	TDK	1975	+25	...	1.4	20.8
8	3	TDS Circuits	5	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telemetrix	113	-4	0.6	0.7	39.4
888	633	THORN EMI	865	-4	30.1	4.6	22.3
110	88	Thorpe FW	101	-1	2.5	3.3	10.4
95	33	Total Systems	95	+5	2.2	3.2	17.0
403	140	Tunstall	401	...	6.0	2.0	18.0
236	123	Unitech	197	-1	5.8	4.0	34.1
24½	9	Verity	9½	...	...	...	...
27	13	Visiec	26½	...	...	1.5	22.6
434	285	Vodafone	395	-6	...	2.0	19.4
460	260	Volex	436	-2	...	5.4	21.4
17	10	Western Selectn	15	...	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	234	...	11.7	6.8	22.0

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	425	+8	17.1	5.4	8.2
439	266	Eastern Elect	431	...	16.7	5.2	10.7
263	143	Hydro-Elect	245½	+2½	10.1	4.3	11.1
465	288	London Elect	442	+9	16.8	5.1	8.5
513	324	Manweb	496	+11	18.2	4.9	7.2
483	287	Midlands Elec	467	+6	17.2	4.9	9.8
492	295	Northern Elec	486	+7	18.5	5.1	7.2
494	298	Norweb	478	-9	17.7	4.9	9.0
247	142	Scottish Power	226	+2½	10.1	4.6	11.0
475	297	Seeboard	472	+8	17.2	4.9	8.5
539	313	Sth Wales	505	+6	19.4	5.1	8.0
478	293	Sth Western	468	+10	17.4	5.0	8.4
457	270	Southern Elec	438	+8	16.6	5.1	8.7
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	492	+10	17.7	4.8	9.1
310½	188	National Powr	299	+1	9.1	4.1	9.9
312	196	PowerGen	303	+2	9.2	4.1	9.4

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	55	...	0.5	...	35.1
65	37½	BWD	62	...	...	6.5	8.7
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	445	-1	14.4	4.3	17.1
1950	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
290	203	Candover	255	...	9.5	5.0	21.1
91	48	Flextech	90	...	...	...	8.9
196	103	Goval	196	+1	...	7.1	5.7
135	97	Ivory Sime	135	...	...	6.3	14.1
6½	3½	LIT	6	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
168	110	Lon Forfaiting	168	+2	...	6.1	14.6
84	14	Manakin	76	...	...	...	...
7½	1½	Nat Home Loan	6	-½	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	46	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	253	...	...	2.6	17.9
19½	9½	Rutland Tst	18½	...	0.8	5.8	10.5
330	120	S & U	304	...	...	3.6	10.9
59	34	Singer & Fried	56	...	2.5	6.0	12.3
938	575	Sothebys	938	...	...	4.4	...
93	73	SJP Capital	91	...	3.0	4.4	16.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1731½	1043½	Amer Express	1731½	+12½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	225	...	6.7	4.0	30.7
973	535	Henderson Ad	970	-3	41.0	5.6	21.4
100	50	Invesco MIM	93	...	...	6.3	13.6
223	121	Jardine Strat	180	...	...	4.1	8.0
186	107½	MAI	179	-4½	6.0	4.5	13.0
469	244	MAM	458	...	11.5	3.3	18.3
755	460	M & G	754	...	20.0	3.5	20.1
147	81	Smith New Ct	147	+1	4.5	4.1	5.8
98	57	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	71	-3	...	1.9	51.6

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	475	-1	14.0	3.9	10.9
65½	21½	ASDA Group	61½	+1	...	3.5	19.8
207	75	Acatos & Hutch	207	+4	6.5	4.3	11.7
83	31	Albert Fisher	72	...	3.7	6.9	12.0
432	273	Argyll	374	...	9.7	3.5	14.7
51	11	Ashley Group	24	...	0.7	4.2	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	142	...	7.0	6.6	26.2
190	143	Banks (S C)	185	...	8.2	6.0	9.1
345	280	Barr (AG)	345	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Bensons Crsp	78	...	...	4.9	8.3
137½	50	Berisford Intl	120	-2	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	424	-5	21.7	6.8	12.9
44	28	Borthwick	36½	...	1.1	4.0	25.5
474	334	Brake Bros	441	...	5.7	1.7	18.4
51	31	Budgen	39	...	...	...	13.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	465	+1	12.5	3.6	17.1
107	64	Carrs Milling	89	...	3.9	5.8	17.8
229	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	218	+2	11.5	7.0	10.3
186	140	Cranswick	186	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	4.0	8.8
435	275	Dalepak	283	-12	6.0	2.8	12.7
491	352	Dalgety	479	+1	19.5	5.4	15.9
54	27	Daniels S	33	+2	0.2	1.0	36.1
132½	92½	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak	290 †	...	...	2.3	20.6
16	3	Farringford	9½	+1½	...	...	...
92	53	Finlay (James)	90	...	4.1	6.1	16.9
95	68	Fyffes	91	...	...	1.7	12.3
440	249	Geest	396	-2	7.9	2.7	15.0
12	5	Global	8	...	...	8.3	7.3
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	172	-4	6.1	4.7	10.4
200	68	Hillsdown	148	...	8.8	7.9	8.9
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
678	412	Iceland Frozen	678	+3	8.5	1.7	18.1
142	103	JLI Group	126	...	4.5	4.8	18.1
827	514	Kwik Save	797	-2	16.0	2.7	16.7
286½	169	Low (Wm)	258	-1	8.4	4.3	12.5
74	29	Matthews (B)	55	...	4.5	...	11.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	160	-2½	...	0.6	25.1
515	318	Nichols (JN)	513	+8	12.3	3.2	14.6
317½	215	Nthn Foods	266	+4	...	3.9	14.7
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fn	16	+1	...	...	6.7
193	132	Nurdin Peack	176	-1	5.5	4.2	11.9
226	78½	Park Foods	223 †	+3	3.2	1.9	26.7
155	45	Perkins Food	87	...	4.3	6.6	7.6
301	130	RHM	280	-10	...	6.6	14.3
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
584	337	Sainsbury J	548	-10	8.7	2.1	20.4
61	35	Sentry Farm	35	...	...	3.8	8.2
340	175	Sims Food	225	-4	11.2	6.7	12.3
443	285	Tate & Lyle	412	+2	12.0	3.9	15.2
296	194½	Tesco	243½	-6½	6.3	3.4	11.6
210	152	Thorntons	208	...	3.6	2.3	19.4
163	83	Tresitt	151	...	...	3.2	16.9
368	192	Unigate	327	+2	15.3	6.2	11.7
440	222	Utd Biscuits	373	-4	15.3	5.5	13.0
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
367	205	Watson & Phil	333	...	13.3	5.3	17.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Ha	16	...	...	...	...
89	52	City Centre Rest	85	-1	1.4	2.3	23.8
282	112	Forte	188	+3	9.9	7.0	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	166	...	5.5	4.4	13.3
12	5	Harmony Leis	8	...	...	...	...
114	92½	Jurys Hotel	97	-½	...	6.3	11.4
287	126	Ladbroke	206	+3	11.1	7.2	17.0
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	68	+1	...	5.1	17.9
92	26	Queens Moat	50	-3½	2.8	7.7	6.7
118	51½	-do- 7½% cvpr	95	-2½	7.5	10.5	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	2	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	49 †	-3	3.4	9.4	9.6
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
46	23	Stakis	44 †	-1	...	1.4	-

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
209	135	AAF Inds	209	+12	...	4.8	11.0
616	460	AAH	550	-5	16.3	4.0	17.5
203	122	ADM	162 †	...	6.5	5.3	10.0
136	78	APV	130	+1	5.4	5.5	23.5
165	50	ASW	133	...	9.0	...	25.2
147	86	Adwest	145	...	7.0	6.4	20.6
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	253	Airsprung	467	...	7.5	2.1	13.0
118	38	Alenda W	118	+4	3.6	4.1	63.8
22	11½	Allied Radio	11½	...	...	...	...
460	358	Alumasc	460	...	11.0	3.2	14.0
62	9	Alvis	28	-2	1.0	4.8	-
415	308	Amber Ind	415	+20	17.0	5.5	11.1
33	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	145	+1	4.4	4.0	...
813	503	Antofagasta	813	+5	...	2.3	19.9
50½	29½	Armour	48½	+2	1.4	4.1	14.2
168	123	Ash & Lacy	161	...	6.4	5.3	13.3
7½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
553	300	Avon Rubber	553	+15	16.5	4.0	-
195	103	Assoc Nursg	195	...	...	...	7.5
860	445	Atlas Equip	660	+2	...	4.2	13.6
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	46	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	165	+1	7.5	6.1	21.2
53	24	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	58	+2	5.0	11.5	2.5
774	583	BOC	749	+12	23.2	4.1	16.4
76	51½	BSG	72	...	3.2	5.9	19.5
422	286	BSS Group	412	+1	...	5.6	16.5
574	381	BTR	561	+1	16.5	3.9	19.7
208	115	BWI	208	...	6.7	4.3	22.9
70	26½	Babcock	34	+1	3.1	...	7.1
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	6½	-½	...	...	...
270	193	Baird (Wm)	265	...	8.5	4.5	17.0
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	675 †	...	...	5.6	3.4
45	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	59	+1	1.3	3.1	18.8
35	10	Beauford	12	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.7	...
35	10	Bedford (W)	20	...	...	...	...
29½	13	Benson Group	29½	+1	0.1	0.5	23.9
659	444	Bespak	699	...	9.0	1.8	20.5
181	109	Bibby (J)	130	...	9.7	10.6	7.2
184	84	Billam (J)	182	-2	4.2	3.1	8.4

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
55	28	Bilston Brsse	31	...	...	...	18.4
77½	3½	Bimec Ind	8	-½	0.6	...	...
42	20	Black Arrow	42	...	2.1	6.7	10.0
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1	...	...	...	0.1
180	103	Black (Peter)	180	+14	2.9	2.2	18.5
145	32	Bluebird Toys	145	+5	...	...	...
539	361	Bodycote	526	-7	9.2	2.3	18.6
571	398	Boots	502	...	12.4	3.3	18.8
84	40	Booth Inds	57	-3	3.2	7.5	5.9
508	312½	Bowater	493	-5	...	3.0	22.5
1650	905	Bowater Inc	1650 †	+69	...	...	...
229	126	Boxmore Intl	229	+5	...	2.0	22.1
20	13	Brasway	15	+½	0.5	5.2	19.4
274	186	Brammer	267	...	13.0	6.5	18.4
33	11	Bridgend Gp	14½	...	1.2	...	6.5
103	34	Bridon	90	...	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	59	-1	4.1	9.3	11.1
40	23	Brierley Inv	39	-1	...	8.1	9.6
543	298	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
475	348	Br Polythene	462	...	9.0	2.6	14.1
86	47½	Br Steel	77	-1½	...	1.7	73.3
120	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
14½	9	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.5	...
294	212	Br Vita	267	-1	...	3.5	17.6
13	5½	Britton Grp	12½	-½	...	...	...
646	429	Broken Hill	646	+6	...	2.8	30.7
128½	67	Bromsgrve Ind	104	+5	4.0	5.1	14.3
15	3	Brooke Tool	7½	-½	0.2	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
174	83	Bullough	118	...	6.0	7.1	-
37	13	Business Tech	24	...	...	...	28.9
35	12	CI Group	22	-1	2.0	12.4	9.0
66	14	Campbll & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	12	-1	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	229	...	10.5	6.1	14.6
202	130	Carclo Eng	202	...	7.8	5.2	17.0
2400	1675	Carnaud Mtl	2395	+20	...	3.8	7.4
80	55	Cassidy Bros	71	...	...	4.5	7.9
195	118	Castings	161	...	4.0	3.4	11.5
140	90	Chamberlin Hill	115	...	6.0	7.0	6.0
702	467	Charter Cons	684	-3	21.5	4.2	16.4
270	176	Chemring	270 #	...	...	4.0	16.3
120	83	Chieftain Gp	83	-5	...	7.9	9.2
39	18	Chillington	29	...	0.5	2.3	...
170	90	Christies Int	155	...	6.0	7.0	...
53	33	Claybithe	48 †	+3	2.5	6.9	...
140	80	Clayton Son	88	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	½	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	212	...	6.5	4.1	13.2
236	126	Concentric	236	...	...	3.2	18.9
335	88	Cook (Wm)	170	-1	10.0	...	11.4
213	103	Cookson	210	...	6.0	3.8	29.2
60	35	Copymore	45	...	...	8.0	8.8
240	176	Crowell Pkr 'A'	216	...	5.7	3.5	16.3
178	118	Cosalt	166	...	10.7	8.6	25.3
250	180	Creighton Nt	195	...	...	4.8	14.1
30	22	CrestaCare	28	...	0.7	3.3	18.1
3362½	1456½	Dana	3350½	-6½	...	...	...
560	168	Danka Bs Sys	548	-2	3.7	0.9	16.9
11	5	Davies (DY)	7	...	...	...	...
702	474	De La Rue	707	...	15.0	2.8	21.7
23	10	Dinkie Heel	20	...	0.9	6.3	9.5
440	263	Diploma	440	+11	9.7	3.0	22.9
88	43	Dobson Park	62	...	5.7	12.4	11.2
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	98 †	...	5.0	6.8	14.1
66	54	-do- 'A'	64 †	...	5.0	10.4	9.2
18	8	EFG	18	...	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	409	...	11.7	3.8	15.2
29	9½	EIT Gp	9 #	...	...	...	...
26	16	Elbief	26	-	...	...	...
57	28	Eleco	30	...	3.3	...	17.7
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2025	+75	...	2.8	-
480	45	Elliott (B)	55	+1	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	461	-5	20.0	5.8	15.9
1825	900	Ericsson 'B'	1762½	+12½	...	1.7	57.9
91	56	Erskine Hse	68	...	6.6	13.0	7.7
101	29	Eurocopy	39	-1	1.6	5.5	-
158	29	Expamet	73	+10	10.3	...	8.7
570	302	Fairey Group	570	+5	9.0	2.1	18.9
108	61	Fenner	95	+9	4.2	5.9	17.9
49	18	Ferranis Group	43	+2	...	3.1	9.8
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
81	33	Fife Indmar	49	...	4.9	...	4.4
402	143	Fisons	237	-4	8.7	4.9	17.2
61	28	Fitzwilton	55	...	15.3	...	...
255	200	Flogas	255	...	...	3.9	10.5
56	39	Folkes Group nv	43	+1	2.3	7.4	8.7
73	42	French (Thomas)	58 †	...	3.6	8.3	-
595	288	Frost Group	570	...	2.0	0.5	36.8
115	63	GEI Intl	85	...	7.3	11.5	17.5
475	281	GKN	469	-1	20.5	5.8	30.0
93	40	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	5.4	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	154	-1	8.2	7.4	6.4
58	21	Glaves	32	-1	...	...	23.2
943	632	Glaxo	667	+18	17.0	3.4	20.2
23½	14	Glenchewton	23	...	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	266	...	11.6	5.8	26.2
97	63	Goode Durrant	87	...	5.4	8.3	18.4
199	79	Grampian Hd	118	...	5.5	6.2	15.3
379	192	Granada	375	+3	7.7	2.7	20.0
310	246	Great Sthrn	310	+4	...	4.3	13.4
125	75	Green (Ernst)	82	...	...	11.4	11.3
11	6	Greenacre	9½	...	...	3.4	10.4
20	6	Guardian Grp	8	...	...	...	...
129½	23	Haden MacLn	38	...	8.0	...	6.0
80	43	Hadleigh Inds	54	...	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	143	+2	8.6	8.1	12.8
12	3	Halls Homes	3½ #	...	...	...	...
253	148	Halma	253	+4	2.2	1.2	31.3
55	29	Hampson Ind	39	...	2.3	...	10.6
265½	184½	Hanson	260½	-1½	11.0	5.6	13.3
240	138	Harris (Philip)	240	...	6.2	3.5	16.7
170	104	Hardon Crsfld	168	+1	9.0	7.1	29.0
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Les	4	...	...	...	...
41	17	Hay (Norman)	26	...	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	21	...	0.7	4.4	11.1
437	211	Hepworth	342	+5	14.8	5.8	13.6
171	116	Hewitt (J)	171	+1	2.5	1.9	13.2
283	28	High-Point	28	...	1.3	6.2	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	126	...	6.0	6.6	-
10	3	Hobson	10	...	...	...	...
100	69	Holders Tech	94	...	...	8.7	12.6
80	24	Hopkinsons	33	...	3.7	...	9.6
232	149	Hornby	149	...	...	8.1	11.7
33	6½	Hospital Crp	13½	...	...	7.9	3.7
72½	32	Howden	64	...	2.0	4.2	9.4
228	149	Hunting	220	-1	10.0	6.1	17.1
950	285	Huntigh Tece	913	-25	...	0.7	33.7
306	210	IMI	284	+2	10.0	4.7	19.6
95	49	ISA Intl	95	+2	1.3	1.9	18.3
205	127	Intercare Gp	184	...	...	1.9	-
266	175	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.1	17.0
498	259	Jardine Math	391	-13	...	2.9	11.3
537	317	Johnson Matth	492	-3	9.6	2.6	20.4
73	44½	Johnson & FB	57	...	3.0	7.0	17.6
207	117	Johnston	123	...	9.0	...	57.9
62	14	Jones Shipman	25½	-1½	...	...	...
35	20½	Jourdan (T)	30½	...	1.5	9.8	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	30	...	...	...	24.7
136½	73	Kalon	136½	+4	3.2	3.1	22.1
458	253	Kelsey Ind	290	...	13.0	6.0	-
550	450	Kershaw (A)	545	...	27.0	6.8	27.3
108	44	Kleen-EZe	99	-1	...	...	...
73	30	LGW	73	+2	...	2.1	25.4
343	229	Laird	303	+2	...	4.5	14.7
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	131 †	...	5.9	6.0	55.7
128	86	Lilleshall	128	+2	4.0	4.2	13.6
123	71	Lincat	123	...	...	5.5	17.5
9½	3	Lincoln Hse	9	...	...	...	...
128	61	Linread	117	...	3.5	...	16.5
193	130	Linton Park	185	+1	13.0	9.4	32.4
36	10½	Lionheart	13½	+½	0.3	3.0	14.0
19½	10	Locker (T) A	19½	...	1.0	6.8	61.4
316	157½	Lon Intl	235	-2	9.4	5.4	16.0
180	57	Lonrho	74½	-1	...	7.2	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	307	-1	9.1	4.0	16.9
323	200	MB-Caradon	312	...	8.5	3.4	24.5
159	108½	-do- pf	155	+½	7.2	6.2	...
54	13	ML Hldgs	20	...	...	...	15.7
39	19	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
48	31	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.8	14.6
265	171	Macfarlane	263	+2	4.2	2.1	24.9
400	270	McKechnie	400	...	14.7	4.9	20.9
119	72	McLeod Russel	101	...	6.0	7.9	12.3
12½	6½	Maddox	10	-½	...	...	...
93	55	Magnolia	68	...	5.4	...	47.8
98	66	Mang Bronze	76	...	1.0	1.8	...
74½	15	Marling	29½	-½	0.3	...	...
137	87	Mayborne	137	+2	...	4.1	11.7
41½	29	Mayflower	41	...	...	1.3	20.3
301	150	Medeva	210	+2	1.5	1.0	20.8
108	66	Meggitt	100	+½	3.6	4.8	14.9
123	90	Metalrax	114	...	...	4.1	15.0
137	68	Metsec	76	...	...	6.7	...
58	27	Midstates	56	-1	...	7.1	9.1
22½	14	Mining & Ald	17	...	0.5	3.9	...
410	295	Molins	410	...	12.7	4.1	10.9
345	229	Morgan Cble	330	-2½	12.6	5.1	16.1
145	79	Morris Ashby	140	...	...	4.5	12.0
31	14	Neepsend	30	...	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nester-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.7
131	66	Nobo Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	15.8
164	62	Norcros	139	-1	7.0	6.7	23.8
81	26	Novo Group	38	...	...	1.1	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	325	...	...	8.2	9.0
53	31	Office Elec Mac	49	...	0.1	0.3	...
49	10	OMI Intl	37 †	-1	1.7	6.3	...
155	135	PCT	137	...	...	8.8	12.4
51	47	Pacer Systems	47	...	...	7.8	...
147	94	Pentland	130	-2	2.2	2.3	18.7
380	260	Photo-Me	380 †	...	4.4	1.5	19.4
109	67	Pilkington	100½	-½	6.0	7.5	38.8
34	19	Platon	21	...	...	...	...
79	39	Plastibrook	74	+1	...	5.4	10.8
147	93	Polypipe	139	-1	1.9	1.9	20.8
504	335	Portals	503	-1	13.8	3.7	16.3
85	18	Porter Chadburn	30	-1	2.5	11.4	7.2
14	1½	Porth Gp	7½	...	...	...	...
361	204	Powerscreen	360	+2	6.0	2.2	20.3
21	14½	Prospect Inds	19	+½	0.7	5.3	9.5
49	16½	RPS Group	43½	...	...	...	14.4
100	70	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
100	31	Ransco Oil	98	-1	...	2.7	69.9
772	444	Rank Org	718	+5	31.0	5.9	19.1
39	6	Ransomes	31	...	...	...	...
709	523	Reckitt Colm	623	+6	15.1	3.2	14.7
100	40	Record	65	+4	3.6	7.4	12.5

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1025	Alex & Alex	1937½	-58½	...	3.6	...
4175	2250	Am Gen	4125	-50	...	3.7	...
66	27	Archer (A)	32	...	...	4.4	19.3	15.6
168	83	Bradstock	165	...	3.1	4.8	17.4
1160	782	Britamic	1158	...	29.5	3.5	...
641	402	Com Union	620	-3	23.6	5.1	...
1380	900	Dom & Gen	1380	+45	...	1.7	22.8
31	18	FAI	22	+1	...	...	...
612	366	Gen Accident	598	+1	26.7	6.0	...
188	108	GRE	173	-3	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	343	...	16.0	6.2	20.2
188	104	Hogg Gp	170	-2	8.1	6.4	10.3
208	102	JIB Group	185	...	...	5.4	13.6
479	287	Legal & Gen	458	+2	18.8	5.5	...
1026	557	Liberty Life	991	+7	...	4.5	24.1
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	460	+6	17.3	5.1	15.0
262	160	Lloyd Thomp	256	...	5.6	2.9	18.8
318	203	Londn & Man	318	...	13.5	5.2	24.5
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	356	-1	12.6	4.7	14.1
6700	3931½	Marsh McLn	6612½	-87½	...	2.8	...
154	93	Octel	94	...	...	7.1	6.9
81	30	PWS	63	...	4.0	8.8	-
325	199	Prudential	315	-2½	11.0	4.7	27.3
895	564	Refuge	889	-1	29.0	4.3	39.8
294	118	Royal	280	-2	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	180	-3	6.0	4.4	19.3
321	162	Steel Burrill	238	-7	13.2	7.4	15.0
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	60 †	...	8.2	18.3	6.1
358	214	Sun Alliance	342	-2	14.2	5.6	...
61	20	Trade Indemnty	60	...	...	...	...
276	165	Transatlantic	275	...	...	5.8	19.2
565	305	Utd Friendly	565	...	12.3	2.9	28.7
274	144	Willis Corroon	195	...	13.2	9.0	21.9
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1689	1218	Alliance	1687	+7	43.0	3.4	38.9
256	152	Amer Trust	254½	-½	4.8	2.5	53.9
333	229	Ang & O'seas	331	...	6.4	2.6	49.6
136½	98½	BZW Conv	134½	-½	7.8	7.7	15.7
149½	104	Bankers	148½	-½	3.4	3.1	40.8
298	210	Baring Trbne	296	-2	6.2	2.8	47.6
172	136	Berry Starq	148	...	2.0	1.8	50.0
106½	71½	Br Assets	106	+½	4.1	5.3	25.9
64½	46½	Br Empire Sec	64½	+½	0.8	1.8	65.5
17	8½	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
171	123	Br Inv	170	...	4.5	3.5	42.7
1540	1200	City & Comm	1538 #	...	...	...	...
166	125	Contl Asset	161	+1	2.4	2.0	...
230	165	Derby Inc	169 †	+1	16.6	13.1	-
235	140	-do- Cap	230	-3	...	...	...
108	65	Drayton Asia	108	+1	0.7	0.9	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	69	...	4.4	16.9	7.4
57	26	-do- Eng Intl	57	...	1.2	2.8	...
96	61	-do- Far East	95	+1	0.6	0.9	...
100	56	-do- Korea	98	...	...	...	...
628	473	Dunedin Inc G	628	+5	25.4	5.4	25.5
368	407	-do- Worldw	368	+1	9.5	2.2	58.5
278	203	Dundee & Lon	254	...	12.0	6.3	23.4
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	48	...	4.8	13.5	8.6
54	40½	-do- Div Pf	53½	...	...	...	...
274	199	Edinburgh	271	-1	8.0	4.0	33.1
154	107	Electric Gen	154	...	3.1	2.7	49.0
89	65	English Scot	88	...	...	...	...
241	186	European Asset	239	...	...	3.2	-
104	68	Fleming 'A'	89	...	3.0	4.5	28.6
290	162	Fleming Amer	289	...	0.7	0.3	-
410	302	-do- Claver	410	+1	10.7	3.5	-
245	173	Do Contl	245	+4	2.8	1.5	...
162	119	-do- Emrg	159	...	4.5	3.8	35.7
236	157	-do- F East	235	...	1.5	0.9	...
285	198	-do- Fledg	285	+1	3.0	1.4	...
116	81	-do- Hi Inc	116	...	5.8	6.7	19.7
164	100	-do- Japan	162	+2	0.3	0.3	...
271	193½	-do- Merc	268	-1	6.7	3.3	38.3
230	165½	-do- O'seas	229	-2	4.0	2.2	57.1
224	150	Foreign & Col	224	+1	...	2.0	66.2
190	144	-do- Eurotst	190	+3	1.2	0.9	...
106	71	-do- German	100	-2	0.4	0.5	...
212	134	-do- Pacific	212	+3	1.7	1.1	...
137½	79	-do- Smaller	136½	-½	...	1.8	69.3
205	121	GT Japan	172 †	...	...	0.9	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	99	+1	...	...	...
127½	96	-do- Inc	123	...	...	10.2	11.4
145	83	Govett Am Smlr	144	...	...	...	...
210½	128	-do- Oriental	210½	+1½	0.9	0.6	...
239	150	-do- Strategy	238	-2	6.7	3.8	32.4
308	283	Greenfriar	307	...	6.3	2.3	-
8	½	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
52	31	Independent Inv	52	...	0.5	1.3	...
132	95	Inv Cap	132 †	+1	5.0	5.2	26.5
95	67	IRS UK Smllr	89	+1	2.0	3.0	22.0
177	128	Kleinwort Chrt	177	...	5.0	3.8	-
198	134½	-do- O'seas	197	...	3.2	2.2	59.4
126	85	-do- Smlr	126	+2	...	4.2	24.9
579	433	Law Debenture	579	+1	...	4.1	30.4
170	133½	Majedie	169	...	...	3.7	32.7
246	176	Merchants	245	+2	...	8.8	22.6
4925	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4712½	-212½	...	...	...
429	296	Monks Inv Tst	420	+3	6.7	2.1	57.7
115	81	Morg Gren Inc	115	...	...	5.3	22.8
37	13	Do Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
46	33	Murray Euro	45	...	0.4	1.4	...

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
11	4½	Do Wts	10½	...	...	4.6	29.0
315	223	Murray Incme	314	+3	...	5.1	28.9
300	215	-do- Intl	300	+1	4.0	1.9	62.2
289	213	-do- Small	289	...	...	14.2	9.7
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	102	...	...	...	...
86	54	-do- S/C Cap	78	...	...	4.7	...
3050	2250	-do- S/C Uts	3050	+1	...	...	...
147½	113½	-do- S/C DP	147	...	10.3	5.3	20.3
254	199	-do- Vent	257	-1	0.2	0.5	...
65½	44½	New Frontier	65½	+2	6.7	11.4	11.1
105	61	Nthrog Inc	79	-3	2.8	1.3	79.3
283	187	O'seas Inv Tst	278	+1	1.0	0.4	...
323	173	Pacific Assets	323	+1	...	...	...
226	80	Do Warrants	226	...	...	...	48.1
8200	5700	Personal Assets	6050	+50	1.1	1.4	50.2
114	82	R/T Cap Pfnr	111	...	...	10.2	...
121	96	River & Merc	120	...	...	3.5	...
379	273	Robeco	370	...	...	2.2	...
368	268	Rolinco	366	...	...	...	...
239	194	St Andrew Inv	239	-1	7.5	4.2	...
142½	108	Scot American	141½	...	...	4.1	32.6
813	429	Scot Asian	800	...	...	...	...
71½	49	-do- Eastern	71½	...	1.4	2.6	51.5
200	137	Scottish	199	...	4.6	3.1	-
196½	135	-do- Mige	196½	+½	3.9	2.6	46.3
77	48	-do- Value	77	+½	...	3.1	59.6
1493	1066	Second Allnce	1493	+8	36.5	3.3	40.1
83½	61	Secs Tst of Scot	83½	+1	3.2	5.2	27.9
125	78½	Selective Asset	124	...	1.2	1.3	-
20	9½	Sphere Inv	18½	+½	...	22.3	5.2
130	76	TR Far East	130	+1	4.5	4.7	25.3
137	97½	TR City Of Lon	136	...	4.7	4.7	28.5
129	70	TR Pacific	129	...	...	0.3	...
27	14½	TR Property	22	...	1.4	...	64.2
68	18	TR Tech Inv	67	...	1.7	3.5	73.2
167	96	TR Smlr Cos	166 †	...	3.7	3.0	48.6
310	226	Temple Bar	308	-1	...	5.6	21.8
78	51	Thrmtn Asian E	78	+1	0.5	0.9	...
66	39	Throgmorton	64½	-1½	3.3	4.8	25.1
410	268	Throg Dual Cp	410	+2	...	...	...
187	137	USDC Invest	187	...	4.2	3.0	35.8
89	58½	Value Inc Tst	89	...	15.0	5.4	23.5
627	483	Whitbread Inv	586	...	...	3.4	35.9
195	139	Witan	195 †	+1	5.6	3.8	-

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9½	2½	Reece	2½	...	...	...	8.7
169	105	Relyon	142	...	4.9	4.6	18.5
313	248	Renishaw	282	...	6.5	3.1	21.6
68	44	Renold	58	...	1.6	2.3	...
1438	982	Reuters	1397	-3	17.0	1.6	25.1
37	22½	Rexmore	29	...	1.7	8.0	7.1
101	58	Ricardo Intl	101	+1	5.7	7.5	25.9
81	50	Richard (Leics)	59	...	4.4	9.9	5.9
69	47	Richardson West	68	...	2.9	5.9	15.6
138	97	Ropner	128	...	8.2	8.6	9.2
122	95	-do- 'A'	122	...	8.2	9.0	8.2
47½	22	Ross Gp	34	...	0.4	1.8	18.7
426	258	Rotork	426	+1	10.0	3.1	19.7
135	85	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.6	...
100	57	Russell (A)	61	...	2.1	4.7	32.2
21	14	SEP Indl	19½	...	0.6	4.5	-
1200	612½	SKF 'B'	650	+12½	...	5.7	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	254	...	9.0	4.7	10.8
56	32	Savage	51	+5	...	0.2	67.2
44	29	Saville Grdn (J)	44	...	2.2	6.7	17.2
242	158	Scapa	262	+1	5.3	3.0	19.7
245	188	Scholl	238	...	6.0	3.4	16.9
17	2½	Scot Heritable	6	+2	...	...	...
990	648	Securicor	975	...	2.6	0.4	-
668	489	-do- 'A'	646	-4	2.6	0.5	-
585	367	Security Serv	545	-3	5.0	1.2	-
91	58½	Senior Eng	88	...	3.1	4.8	14.6
361	257½	Seton Health	360	...	...	1.9	21.1
72	45	Sheldon Jones	45	...	...	...	...
146	83	Shiloh	96	...	2.7	3.8	26.0
361	223	Sidlaw	335	-13	10.0	4.0	15.6
500	257½	Siebe	494	+5	...	2.4	20.8
283	168	Silentnight	283	+3	8.0	3.8	15.7
121	68	Sime Darby	119	...	...	3.7	16.6
304	69	Simon Eng	142	+2½	15.7	14.7	18.7
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	256	+1	7.0	3.6	16.5
53	27	Six Hundred	46	...	2.5	7.2	...
171	123	Smith & Neph	159½	+1½	4.4	3.9	19.3
566	395½	Smithkline	464	+8	7.7	2.2	18.8
508	353	Smithkline Uts	404	+9	...	2.5	16.4
394	255	Smiths Ind	375	-2	11.2	4.0	15.3
140	76	Sthn Bus	138	...	3.3	3.3	13.0
350	265	Spandex	309	...	...	2.6	15.7
370	230	Spear (JW)	300	...	10.0	4.4	9.3
345	231	Spirax-Sarco	344	...	9.0	3.5	20.6
181	83½	Spring Ram	143	+2	0.2	0.3	18.8
48	21	Star Comp	42 #	...	0.5	1.6	27.0
270	158	Staveley	262	...	8.2	4.5	13.8
147	102	Sterling Ind	147	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
14½	9	Stonehill	11 #	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	137	+3	8.8	8.6	12.2
319	160	Swire Pacfc 'A'	276	+4	...	2.7	20.2
19	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
300	232	Sytone	255	...	9.4	4.9	11.7
198	98	T & N	184	-4	10.8	7.9	34.8
372	251	TI	305	+2	10.2	4.5	16.4
23	10	TLS Range	16	-1	...	4.2	...
263	167	TT Group	254	+1	...	3.1	18.5
248	170	Talare	347	+2	1.5	0.8	24.5
742	405	Takeda Chem	718	-6	...	0.6	19.0
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	28	...	...	...	...
79	53	Tinsley (E)	78	...	...	8.9	9.1
173	85	Tinon	173	...	...	2.8	15.0
271	195	Tomkins	252	-4	...	3.4	17.7
165	39	Trafalgar H	67	-4	6.0	9.2	5.8
161	36	-do- 'A'	85	-3½	...	...	...
514½	266½	Transfer Tech	435	+5	...	4.0	12.0
175	135	Triplex Lloyd	173	...	7.0	5.6	15.2
253	165	UniChem	242	...	5.0	2.8	17.9
320	250	Unidare	310	...	...	6.6	11.6
24	8½	Unigroup	13½	...	...	...	...
1157	866	Unilever	1155	+4	18.9	2.2	17.8
7325	5375	Unilever (NV)	7290	...	...	2.9	11.7
575	265	VSEL	575	+2	25.0	5.8	6.6
15	2½	Vernon	9½	+½	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	122	+1	6.0	...	27.6
409	260	Victaulic	355	...	...	2.8	16.9
329	231	Vitrcen	320	+6	6.6	2.7	17.7
502	240	Vosper Thorny	501	...	13.1	3.5	12.1
70	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	455	...	...	5.0	17.6
78	45	Walker Greenbk	75	...	3.1	5.5	17.9
229	110	Wassall	229	+3	...	1.5	27.8
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	29	...	...	...	...
675	435	Weir	659	-1	10.5	2.1	19.2
1174	777	Wellcome	885	+20	13.0	2.0	24.4
39	25	Wellman	27½	...	2.2	...	8.6
483	390	Wheatstn	483	...	8.7	2.4	17.4
339	207	Whessoe	307	-7	...	3.6	11.6
34	4	Wheway	8	+1½	1.0	16.7	...
143	15	Whitecroft	40	...	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	53	+9	10.0	...	2.9
379	222	Williams Hldg	344	-3	12.3	4.8	17.9
23½	8½	Wilshaw	23½	...	0.4	2.5	19.5
995	387	Wolseley	574	-1	12.5	2.9	21.9
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
85	36	Wyko	36 †	...	2.9	...	20.6
70	38	Young (H)	48	+1	3.0	8.3	17.6

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66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½ #	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	280	-1	7.2	3.5	9.0
90	18	Ald Leis	48	-4	...	...	...
243	145	Anglia TV	203	+4	...	5.2	19.3
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
1175	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.9
113	70	Border TV	102 †	...	...	3.5	13.3
16½	4	Brent Walker	10½	...	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	6½	...	2.1	...	1.5
448	200	Campari	274	-3	...	5.4	7.4
226	126	Capital Radio	194	...	5.2	3.6	22.6
818	468	Carlton Comm	769	-9	...	3.0	22.2
223	120	Castle Comms	172	...	...	0.6	19.4
1825	1080	Central TV	1815	+8	30.5	2.2	23.3
88	49	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
604	405	Compass Gp	572	...	12.3	2.9	16.0
350	273	Eurocamp	337	...	9.7	3.9	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	885 †	+25	...	1.4	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	6	...	...	...	11.7
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
10½	1	Expedier	1½	+½	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	288	...	10.5	5.0	...
355	239	First Leisure	335	+2	6.1	2.5	-
404	250	GWR Gp	404	+10	...	2.3	-
181	91	Grampian	181	+3	5.5	4.1	12.7
8	3	Greenwich Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	32	+4	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	50	-7	5.5	...	3.1
18½	2½	Kunick	6	-½	...	...	...
325	220	LWT CP	325	+2	5.9	2.4	15.8
377	280	Man Utd	372	+1	18.0	6.5	12.8
123	44½	Owners Abrd	115	...	3.5	4.1	-
41	19	The Pelican Gp	41	+1	...	3.5	14.1
96	50	Prism Leisure	96 †	+5	...	3.8	10.9
61	18	Quadrant Grp	19	...	4.0	...	2.9
319	224	Radio Clyde	318	...	...	3.6	24.9
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	140	+5	...	4.4	-
491	202½	Scot TV	491	+18	...	2.2	31.6
66	40	Southern Radio	57	-2	0.7	1.9	23.7
191	125	Stanley Leisure	180	...	...	3.1	15.2
13	4	Sunleigh	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	140	...	3.5	3.3	15.1
53	27	TSW	29 #	...	...	22.7	3.7
43	3½	TVS	43	+1	...	...	3.6
420	136	Tarjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
200	134	Thames TV	178	...	7.5	5.6	5.1
118	75	Tottenham Hot	88	...	...	...	4.3
75	38	Trans World	68	...	...	...	...
318	154	Ulster TV	318	+5	7.5	3.1	22.1
50	16	Wembley	21	+1	1.8	...	...
18½	4½	Whitegate	15½	-½	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	131 †	...	12.0	12.2	-
136	80	Zetters Gp	104 †	...	8.0	10.3	10.5

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2262½	+62½	...	9.8	10.2
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1300	...	...	8.5	5.1
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1475	...	...	5.2	9.2
14	7	Anglo Pac Res	14	+1	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	52	+2	...	13.2	2.5
25	11	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	270	-5	...	17.0	5.7
4½	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	598	+7	...	3.0	-
38	9	Cluff Res	15	...	1.0	8.9	22.4
1662½	581½	De Beers	1050	-12½	...	...	8.6
125	37½	Deelkraal	47	...	...	14.3	2.3
46	7	Doornfontein	9	...	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	460	...	...	8.0	7.6
375	120	Durban	155	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	57	...	...	20.4	1.7
154	62	E Dagga	69	...	...	...	5.1
168	54	E Rand Prop	132	-6	...	...	...
470	177	Elandsrand	155	...	...	8.9	-
535	272	FS Cons	413	-11	...	13.0	4.1
33	7	FS Dev	10	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	825	+19	...	5.4	11.7
222	121	Gencor	144	+1	...	6.9	11.2
42½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	39½	-1½	...	3.5	9.7
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	5½	...	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	58	+1	...	20.4	-
368	78	Harmony	143	-2	...	...	...
281½	87	Harties	114	...	...	...	3.9
11	5	Incon	10	...	...	...	...
828	486	Impala Plat	526	...	...	7.3	10.6
8	2½	Kenmare Res	8	...	...	...	...
795	292	Kinross	426	+3	...	13.3	4.2
624	293	Kloof	400	...	...	5.0	6.1
60	21½	Leslie	37	...	...	12.7	3.3
71	12	Loraine	16	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	109½	+4	...	2.1	50.1
955	559	Minorco	924	-6	...	4.1	10.9
111	66	Nth Brkn Hill	99	+½	...	5.0	-
1201	598	Orange Free	915	+20	...	15.4	7.2
688	469	RTZ	679	+6	19.5	3.8	20.5
1287½	375	Rand Mines	550 †	...	...	11.8	2.3
230	75	Rand Min Prp	95	...	...	19.6	4.1
334	136	Randfontein	191	+1	...	10.1	2.6
221	105	Renison	133	-2	...	3.4	12.9
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	950	...	...	5.4	13.2
410	183	St Helena	257	-2	...	10.4	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	600	-46½	...	10.8	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	38	...	...	19.9	-
183	43	Unisel	80	+4	...	4.2	7.1
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2250	-112½	...	11.3	-
324	154	Welkom	215	+5	...	15.8	6.3
99½	26	Western Areas	35	...	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	837½	-12½	...	8.5	-
225	164	Wstrn Mining	194	+1½	...	2.6	...
630	255	Winkels	390	+2	...	2.9	2.9
71	16	Zambia Copper	70	-1	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	23	...	...	...	6.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	102	-1	7.8	10.2	75.3
217	130	Bletchley Mtr	217	...	8.2	7.3	12.2
145	115	Bostrom	132	...	6.0	6.1	35.9
379	100	Br Aerospace	267	-9	25.0	...	5.7
378	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
139	95	Central Mtr	108	...	...	5.1	-
48	15½	Cook (DC)	20	-1	...	...	...
196	99	Cowie (T)	196	+5	4.8	3.3	14.8
133	75	Dag Motors	95	+2	5.7	8.1	11.2
131	85	Dwnprt Vern	131	+3	4.0	4.2	-
264	130	ERF	232	...	4.0	...	...
283	163	FR Group	275	-5	6.6	3.2	13.1
3480	1500	Ford Motor	3437½	-12½	...	...	...
2725	1681½	General Mtr	2625 †	...	...	1.9	...
53	35	Gowrings	45	...	2.0	5.9	...
96	43	Henlys	93	...	3.0	4.3	...
773	465	Honda Motor	773	+9	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	80	...	4.5	7.5	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	108	-1	3.3	4.1	10.7
326	175	Lex Service	325	+2	10.0	4.1	...
128	74	Lookers	109	...	6.2	7.9	-
153	77	Lucas	149	+1	7.0	6.3	...
258	169	Pendragon	248	+3	6.0	3.2	22.2
175	103	Perry Gp	124	...	9.0	9.7	22.2
133	56	Quicks Group	133	+2	3.0	3.0	24.5
176	89	Rolls-Royce	132	-3	7.2	7.3	25.0
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	147	-1	4.0	3.7	22.5
145	93	Westland	145	...	4.2	3.9	12.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Adscene	121	...	4.0	4.5	12.7
390	315	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
578	398	Blenheim Gp	565	+1	9.0	2.1	21.2
330	248	Bristol	281	...	11.5	5.3	21.6
8300	5900	Daily Mail	8000	...	130	2.2	18.0
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	8000	...	130	2.2	18.0
301	193	Dorling Kind	301	+5	...	1.3	28.8
365	224½	EMAP	340	...	...	2.9	22.1
983	533	Euromoney Pb	980	-3	29.5	4.0	-
328	155	Haynes Pub	328	+5	6.0	2.5	14.0
236	140	Headline	236	+1	10.0	1.7	26.2
183	105	Home Counts	125	...	8.2	8.8	23.6
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Intl Cm & Data	6½	...	...	...	...
430	285	Independent	430	...	...	4.5	15.5
475	289	Johnston Press	475	...	5.5	1.5	22.4
263	186	Metal Bulletin	263	...	7.4	3.6	21.2
125	49	Mirror Gp.	110	-7	...	...	10.5
1384	509½	News Corp	1342	-22	...	0.3	22.6
751	258	News Intl	750	...	3.9	0.7	13.0
459½	297	Pearson	374	-2	...	4.1	17.6
615	340	Portsmth Sund	613	...	8.6	1.9	15.8
682	447	Reed Intl	673	-5	16.0	3.2	22.3
126	61	Southnews	117	...	...	1.7	34.5
125	29	Sterling Pub	125	+1	...	2.7	41.0
368	274	Telegraph	360	-1	...	3.7	14.2
815	565	Thomson Corp	795	+10	25.2	4.5	12.7
347	222	Trinity Intl	322	...	...	3.5	19.0
62	29	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
541	323	Utd Nwspprs	541	+2	21.0	5.2	18.6

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Pet	12½	-½	...	...	12.8
21	11½	Attx Energy	21	+2	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Inds	41	-1	...	...	...
53	27	Ars Oil & Gas	35	...	...	...	...
290	20	Atlva Pet	40	+1	...	...	...
48	8	Brewdey	13	...	0.6	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	168	+1	7.1	5.6	18.5
295	223	British Gas	250	...	...	6.2	13.4
304	182	Br Petroleum	262½	+½	...	5.2	53.5
4½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	480	Burmah Castrl	716	-7	24.0	4.5	16.4
75	21	Cairn Energy	46	+2	...	...	...
248	164	Calor Gp	246	...	12.0	6.5	16.2
10	6½	Caspen Oil	7½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	47	+2	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	11½	...	...	...	...
487	287	Enterprise	465	+4	15.7	4.5	33.1
103	25	Exp Co Louis	84	+8	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	1.2	8.4
89	34	Goal Pet	60	+1	1.2	2.8	11.3
31	5	Gt Western Res	27	-1	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	128	+2	1.0	1.0	43.3
6½	1½	ECA Drilling	2½	...	...	...	...
28½	7½	Kelt Energy	22	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	168	+2	8.5	6.7	21.7
163	63	-do- Units	81	...	15.0	24.7	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	19	-½	...	...	...
41½	27	Monument	41½	+1	...	...	43.0
18½	5	New London	9½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	26	...	0.7	3.8	6.8
37	25	Oil Search	29	-1	...	...	...
14	8	Petrus	13	-1	...	...	...
102	57	Plex Pet	101	...	...	...	14.0
31	10	Premier	28	+½	...	...	12.5
98	40	Presidio	75	...	...	...	...
430	308	Ranger	338	...	...	8.4	...
5837½	4162½	Royal Dtch Pt	5837½	+25	...	1.5	...
4312½	3025	Schlmberger	4237½	+112½	...	2.0	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	41	Seafield	85	...	2.0	4.7	24.8
600	435	Shell	596	...	...	...	...
308	110	Sunrise Exp Sv	200	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo	9½	...	...	...	...
92	26	Triton Europe	40	+1	...	...	9.0
172	131	Woodside	152	...	...	2.4	...
265	103	API	263	...	7.5	3.8	22.9
290	123½	Arjo Wiggins	173	-1	8.3	...	14.0
443	365	Abbott Mead	443	+2	5.4	2.5	22.2
3	½	Acsis Group	½	...	...	...	...
128	15	Aegis Gp	16	-1	5.6	...	6.4
212	105	Aspen Comms	212	+2	...	3.1	29.0
15	7	BBB Design	8½	...	...	...	...
319	180	Bemrose	319	...	11.7	4.9	16.3
60	23	Birkdale	24	...	0.2	1.1	20.5
136	80	Bunzl	130	-1	4.0	4.1	30.5
297	147	CIA Gp	294	...	...	1.9	17.3
51	36	Cin of Lon	46	...	...	9.2	10.3
306	135	Cropper (James)	174	...	3.0	2.3	9.8
41	6	Crown Comm	9 #	...	...	...	...
50	15	Delyn Packaging	29	-2	1.4	3.3	11.2
140	78	Dolphin Pack	117	...	4.5	5.1	15.6
74	42	Dudley Jenkins	44	...	...	...	11.1
15	9½	Elswick	12	...	0.2	...	11.2
66	34	Fairway Group	47	...	...	9.9	12.5
286	211	Ferguson Intl	270	-1	12.5	6.0	15.9
89	25	Filofax	90	+4	...	0.6	22.1
48	6	Fitch	18	...	...	...	2.1
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	70	...	...	9.5	13.7
308	194	Gold Greenlees	308	+2	8.3	3.6	23.6
53	27	Goodhead	30	-2	0.5	2.3	...
160	32½	Hunterprint	78	+5	...	...	...
190	138	Intereurope	136	...	7.4	7.4	8.8
198	127	Jarvis Porter	166	...	4.4	3.0	21.3
50	13	Lopex	18	...	...	...	...
363	133	More O'Ferrall	223	...	13.2	7.9	13.8
71	32	NMC Group	45	...	1.2	...	13.2
86	58	Osborne & Little	71	-1	4.3	8.2	9.1
199	132	Quarto	173	...	5.2	3.6	22.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	330	...	5.2	2.1	23.3
245	115	Saatchi	195	-3	...	...	...
754	381	Sappi	444	...	...	8.8	8.4
19½	14½	Scrif	19½	...	...	...	...
43	5	Shandwick	8	...	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	328 †	...	9.5	3.9	14.5
335	210	Smurfit Jeff	275	...	...	0.5	9.5
263	171	Stan-Plus	253	...	...	4.7	14.2
19½	10½	Taylor Nelson	19	...	...	1.1	48.8
65	37	VTR	45	...	...	13.5	12.5
115	31	WPP	71	...	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	76	-1	8.2	13.9	8.7
221	158	Waddington (J)	216	...	7.9	4.9	16.3
578	391	Watmough	576	+3	10.5	2.4	25.2
4	½	Waverley Cam	½	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	22.4
39	12	Whitney McS	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	65	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Group	1½	...	...	...	...
86	25	Allied Lon	39	...	3.5	8.2	50.1
70	55	Arcadian	70	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	54	...	2.0	4.2	22.8
141	64	Avonside	132	...	...	8.3	7.5
2475	1887½	BCE	2450	-25	...	...	...
478	368	Bilton	457	...	15.0	3.5	15.8
45	23	Bourne End	24	...	1.0	5.6	...
168	105	Bradford	165	...	4.4	3.5	15.3
36	11	Brecero	19	...	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	225	+1	6.3	3.7	21.8
186	106	Brixton	182	+1	8.1	5.9	14.0
55	44	Burford	46	...	0.9	2.6	24.0
125	58	Cap & Regnl	120	...	1.1	...	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	113	...	2.4	2.7	-
433	103	Chesterfield	133	...	16.5	...	15.7
80	9	City Site Ests	13	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickells	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	6	Clarform	12	...	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	862	...	25.0	3.9	13.5
4½	½	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twn	72	...	2.5	4.6	28.5
12	1	De Morgan	10	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	90	+2	5.5	8.1	...
540	262	Derwent Hldgs	325	+2	8.6	3.3	28.5
250	170	Estates Agency	210	+23	3.0	1.9	19.3
98	6	Estates Gen	18	-2	3.7	...	5.7
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	133	+1	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15	...	...	...	...
55	29	Fletcher King	33	...	1.0	4.0	29.9
345	188	Frogmore	344	...	15.0	5.8	11.9
125	51	Grainger	104 †	...	5.2	6.7	-
145	84	Gt Portland	145	-1	10.0	9.2	14.4
114	6½	Greycoat	11½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	112	-1	...	4.5	16.8
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	42	...	3.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	307	...	10.0	4.3	20.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	291	...	10.0	4.6	14.0
150	69	Helical Bar	148	...	4.0	3.6	...
30	20	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
175	85	Herring Baker	87	...	7.0	10.7	...
225	135	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	345	Land Sec	486	+1	21.7	5.0	14.8
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	81	...	3.8	6.3	12.9
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	377	...	20.0	7.1	15.8
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Sec	95	+5	6.7	...	15.6
20	3	Markheath	3½	+½	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	27	+6½	1.0	4.9	...
7	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	775	-50	18.0	3.1	7.9
9	2½	Mowat	2½ #	...	...	...	...
137	101	Mucklow (A&J)	127	...	5.9	6.2	16.6
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	31	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
30	3½	Ossory Est	8	...	0.1	2.5	2.3
103	5	Power Corp	9	+2	...	...	1.0
111	54	Prop Security	106	...	3.7	4.7	21.2
122½	14½	Property Trust	38	+5	...	...	...
4½	1	Raglan	1	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	12½	...	...	1.5	15.7	2.5
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7½ #	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	23	...	0.5	3.2	13.8
56	21	Savills	47	...	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	48	...	1.5	4.2	...
62	39	Shaftesbury	55	...	...	...	...
10	2	Shield	9½	-½	...	...	...
36	11	Sinclair Gldsm	30	...	0.5	3.5	...
248	83	Slough Estates	188	+1	8.1	5.8	10.7
78	36	Southend Prop	62	...	4.1	8.8	31.8
20½	2½	Speyhawk	14½	-½	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps	20	...	...	...	...
87	58	Town Centre	86	...	3.1	4.8	16.5
61	35	Trafford Park	55	...	2.5	6.2	14.8
34	7	UK Land	34	+4	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	146	...	10.5	7.4	-
245	185	Warnford	187	...	7.2	5.2	12.8
8	1	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	48	-1	3.7	10.4	12.1
44	17	Wood John Da	42	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	13	...	...	...	...
101	42	Headlam	101	...	2.4	3.2	40.0
428	265	Lambert	400	+5	12.5	4.2	10.4
111	63	Pittard Garnar	100	...	1.5	2.0	13.2
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.0	5.9	6.3
193	88	Stylo	132	-2	2.5	2.5	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
460	362	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.7	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	10.1	12.5
52	23	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.2
162	138	Br Mohair	151	+1	8.5	7.5	11.9
117	30	Celestion	117	...	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Gn	315	...	...	1.6	21.6
574	364	Corntauld Text	564	+1	13.0	3.1	16.6
248½	160	Dawson	238	-8	9.0	5.0	23.2
59	17	Drummond	30	...	1.5	...	7.3
60	17½	Dunkelo	33	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.4
68	24	Foster (John)	30	...	0.5	2.2	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Prnst	185	-1	3.4	2.5	15.7
73	38	Jerome (S)	46	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	291	...	...	5.5	14.3
616	308	Leeds	616	+11	11.0	2.4	19.8
41	15	Lister	30	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	110	...	4.9	5.8	12.5
94	53	Parkland 'A'	93	-1	2.0	2.9	...
95½	63	Readicut	94½	-½	3.4	4.9	18.8
71	30	SEET	51	...	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	85	...	5.1	8.1	14.7
51	29	Stirling Gp	49	...	1.6	4.3	20.4
59	31	Stoddard	47	...	2.6	7.4	12.5
312	198	Tomkinsons	305	+2	11.5	5.0	26.3
5½	3	West Trust	4½	...	...	7.8	...
356	160	Yorklyde	350	-5	9.7	3.7	16.4

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	994	+3	33.6	4.5	26.3
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	612	-3	10.2	2.2	14.0

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	383	-7	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	785	-4	14.5	2.5	13.9
315	219	Br Airways	300	+4	10.1	4.5	8.0
182	45	Clarkson (H)	77	+4	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	468	+12	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	3.5	...	12.3
140	70	Grafg	135	+5	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	160	...	...	6.3	7.2
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	1.9	8.2	18.5
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	41	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1325	...	4.5	0.5	5.4
311	190	Mersey Docks	282	...	6.0	2.8	15.6
210	168	Natl Express	204	-2	...	4.7	13.4
290	216	NFC	272 †	...	6.5	3.2	20.7
357	170	Ocean Group	283	-1	14.3	6.8	12.8
63	31	Ocean Wilson	48	...	...	7.4	10.7
584	296½	P & O Dfd	570	...	30.5	7.1	20.1
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	135	+2	...	5.4	...
522	267	Powell Duffryn	517	-2	22.6	5.8	20.7
138	96	Seacon	133	-2	...	5.2	-
50	23½	TIP Europe	28	...	1.4	6.7	6.8
87	24	TNT	33½	...	...	...	...
745	495½	Tibbet & Brittn	743	+3	...	1.9	29.7
478	214	Tiphook	336	...	17.3	6.9	6.7
307	208	TDG	293	...	9.5	4.3	17.5

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	495	+7	19.3	5.2	9.0
591	336	Northumbrian	562	+7	20.5	4.9	5.8
513	323	North West	488	+2	19.6	5.4	8.6
483	298	Severn Trent	480	+6	19.3	5.4	7.0
491	301	Sthrn Water	487	+6	19.5	5.3	8.4
1500	670	Sth Staffs	1270	...	40.2	4.3	8.2
524	306	South West	514	+7	21.7	5.6	7.8
518	324	Thames Water	503	+6	19.2	5.1	9.5
546	337	Welsh Water	541	+10	21.4	5.3	8.2
596	358½	Wessex Water	590 †	+9	...	4.4	8.0
547	336	Yorkshire W	535	+4	19.5	4.9	8.7

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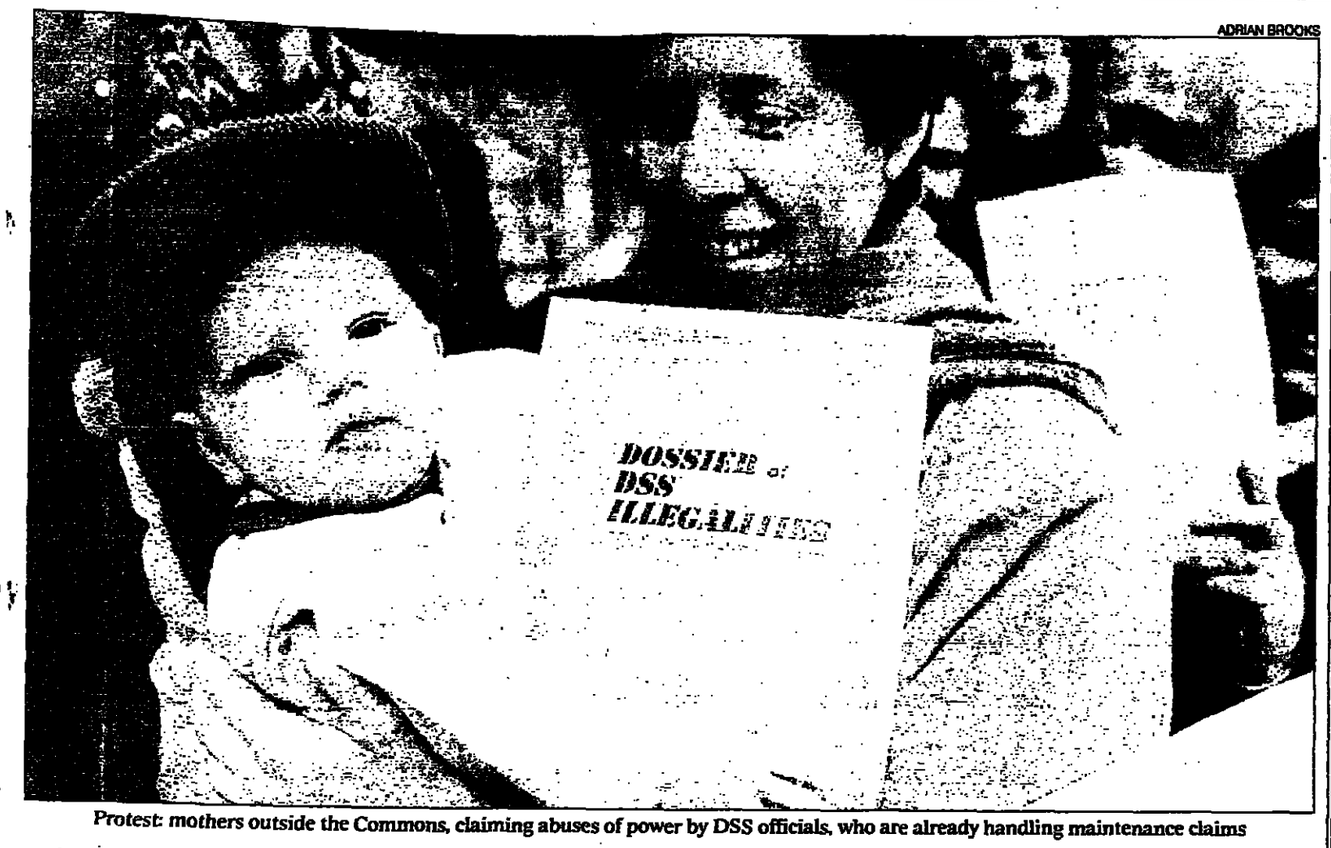
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LAW

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● LAW REPORT 31

Judges and lawyers are wondering whether the Child Support Act may cause far more disputes than at present



Protest: mothers outside the Commons, claiming abuses of power by DSS officials, who are already handling maintenance claims

Can pay, but won't pay maintenance

An intensive media campaign begins this week to promote the Child Support Act 1991, which comes into effect on April 5. The last piece of legislation on children, the Children Act 1989, gave family law the feel-good factor. But the Child Support Act is likely to have a very different impact.

The act is designed to make absent fathers support their children and if it succeeds in that, it is likely to be popular at least with the general public. Perhaps rightly so if it frees the taxpayer from paying for our 900,000 single parent families (95 per cent of which are headed by the mother).

But judges and lawyers are starting to voice their concerns about the act and how it may cause more disputes between divorced parents over children than at present.

As the law stands, maintenance for children is available in two ways. The first involves the mother in making a private initiative in court, typically on divorce, if she is married to the father. But many mothers fail to apply, while those who obtain orders are at the mercy of an inadequate enforcement system.

The safety net is Income Support, which the DSS is required to recover from the absent father as a "liable relative" under the Social Security Administration Act 1992. The reality is one of infrequent prosecutions and an estimated shortfall of more than £100 million last year. These failings came to the attention of Mr Major's predecessor at No 10.

From this spring, the Child Support Act will introduce a new principle which, superficially at least, is as attractive as it is simple.

The act creates a benefit agency with the task of assessing, setting and enforcing payments for children of divorced parents. Instead of this being done by the courts, in the future fathers (and in a few cases mothers) will have their income assessed according to standardised tables by officials, who are already processing claims. This means that instead of deserted children depending on mother pursuing the father through the courts, with the state underwriting the debt as necessary, she will *have* to authorise the secretary of state to make a formula-based "maintenance assessment" on pain of reduced benefit. No private law, no discretion, no courts.

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And no lawyers either? The reality will surely be that many an "absent parent", at least, will be hot-footing it down to his solicitor about the new "child support maintenance" he has to pay. Who could blame him? The Comptroller and Auditor General recently reported a 15 per cent error rate in DSS calculations.

The new assessment formula (while not unjust and based on net annual income, weekly housing costs and the child's age) will require even the Child Support Officers to use their customised computer — which will not be available to such people as private lawyers, law centres or Citizens' Advice Bureau workers. With liability ranging from zero (low income or re-partnered fathers) to about £380 a week for parents on more than £84,000 a year, the scope for error will be high. The Family Law Bar Association's own computer program, "Child's Pay", may prove a popular buy.

How else may the lawyer be needed to help the "absent", the "with care" parent, and, of course, the "qualifying child"? There remain residuary areas where the court retains jurisdiction. Capital orders — lump sum and property adjustments — are outside the Child Agency scheme. And a judge will still be permitted to enhance that maximum £380 assessment by way of private order.

The act goes some way towards acknowledging *de facto* changes in family structure by making no distinction between marital and non-marital children. But the insistence on the biological link leaves work for lawyers by what some may see as a downgrading of marriage.

Firstly, the legislation raises no presumption of husbandly paternity. The agency is as powerless to proceed without a court declaration when a married man denies parentage of his wife's child, as it is with a man who is a legal stranger to the mother. Secondly, the scheme does not cover step-children, who will still have to look to the divorce court, as "children of the family", if their mother's second marriage breaks up. It follows that a man who wants to experience (social) fatherhood without paying for it afterwards is therefore best advised to cohabit with the mother of someone else's children.

It is always tempting, particularly since the Children Act 1989, to be chauvinistic about the state of our family law. In fact, this latest reform is more than a decade behind many American states and a year or two after Australia and New Zealand.

Our government was much influenced by the Australian scheme; it remains to be seen whether we will regret the decision not to follow Canberra's "departure" principle whereby the court has some discretion to vary the statutory formula for child maintenance.

Meanwhile, lawyers who have recently negotiated "clean break" orders for divorcing fathers may be wishing they had paid more attention to forthcoming events, particularly if they ceded property in return for low child maintenance.

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Extra work — but more open justice

May you live in interesting times is a Chinese curse that seems peculiarly appropriate to magistrates, whose year has been extremely "interesting". The Children Act was implemented in October 1991 and the Criminal Justice Act the following October. Not only have these created a considerable volume of new work but the Children Act in particular has required a new attitude to the administration of justice — inquisitorial rather than adversarial.

The act has been seen as a legal watershed in the care and welfare of children. Apart from allowing children a say in how they are treated, the residence and contact orders in private law have drawn in not only putative fathers but grandparents, uncles and aunts. This positive change has obviously been welcomed by the public, given that the number of applications in the first six months far surpassed public law applications. This could be due to more flexible co-operation between local authorities and families. Equally, it could have something to do with difficulties of interpretation or cuts in funds, plus extra expenses in bringing cases.



BRIEF

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Magistrates have mostly welcomed the changes, even if the necessity to give reasons caused some difficulty at the beginning. It should not be forgotten that before the act, magistrates were not required in law to give reasons, save in contested cases involving children in the domestic court.

The change from saying nothing to being quasi-judges can hardly be described as a comfortable metamorphosis. Yet it has been less onerous than many of us thought and has resulted in more open justice.

For the first three months, we were clarifying facts and marshalling reasons, even though cases were still being brought under the old law. "We might as well get into practice," a stipendiary magistrate said. "It has to be right when the new cases come in." On the whole, and thanks to the clerks, it has been, although some of us dislike the paper-driven, legalistic thrust of proceedings.

I found it worth remembering the words of Sir David Hopkin, our recently retired chief magistrate: "Do not be afraid. Be robust; there is always the Court of Appeal if people disagree with you." I have never forgotten those words nor the comments of Lord Justice Butler-Sloss at a training evening for magistrates when she reminded us that "the child is a person, not an object of concern".

In fact, a child can be both, and we hope that we have not forgotten what it is to be a child. With the hindsight of adulthood, however, we realise that what is best for children is not necessarily what they want at the time. Although we must have regard for the wishes and feelings of the child, case law has shown that we should disregard these if the child's future welfare appears to diverge from them. So far, so sensible.

Delays, however, are a real concern in some places. Court welfare reports in private cases are now taking 16 weeks in inner London in some instances instead of the 12 weeks at the start.

And according to a domestic court magistrate now on the family panel, the time taken to do some contact orders is far too long. "Previously, you had two hearings before the final case on Access. Now it is nearer six."

Consecutive days have not been easy, either. Volunteer justices, who thought that the four-day sittings would be taken up with one, or at most two, lengthy cases, have found what one colleague describes as "dribs and drabs of short hearings".

Yet it has to be said that cases have collapsed before the final hearing because agreement has been reached between the parties — a fundamental principle of the act that justices should welcome.

Other justices have complained that they are becoming "rubber stamps and paper pushers so far as interim orders are concerned". It can be argued that if they are "rubber-stamping", they are not doing their job properly. And the new system of applications and directions necessarily requires far more paperwork, which the clerks have borne the brunt of, as well as being on call 24 hours a day.

Inner London is fortunate in its independent panel of guardians *ad litem*, but nationally there is concern about the question of their independence. Joyce Rose, the chairman of the Magistrates' Association, says that instead of local funding, which could make it difficult for a guardian to disagree with the local authority, there should be a centrally funded independent court welfare service.

She says: "This would be to the advantage of the public, the court, the guardians and the welfare officers." Along with most justices, however, she praises the flexibility of the act. "It is very good to be able to transfer cases between courts."

● *The author is a chairman of an inner London family proceedings court.*

Counting the costs

AT A time when prosecution teams in major fraud trials can command up to £550 an hour, is the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, barking up the wrong tree with his controversial plans to cut legal aid eligibility?

In last week's Lords' debate, Lord Spens argued that serious questions should be asked about the cost of prosecuting trials. He drew on his own experience as a defendant in one of the Guinness trials.

He and his co-defendant represented themselves. But they were pitted against three Queen's Counsel and juniors acting for the prosecution, who between them were running up a bill of more than £750,000 during the three-month trial.

Such amounts could go some way to alleviate the strain on legal aid.

Lost for words

A LACK of qualified court interpreters may be leaving non-English-speaking defendants at serious risk of suffering miscarriages of justice.

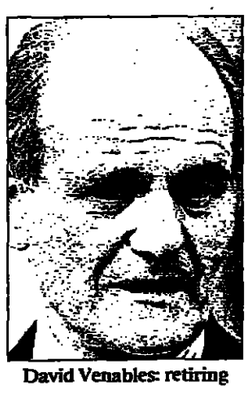
A Nuffield Foundation survey has found evidence that some untrained interpreters have tried to act as advocates for the defence or even give their own opinion on whether the defendant is innocent or guilty. The survey found that only a third of magistrates' courts check for competence.

Robert Hazell, the Nuffield director, says: "The answer we believe must be the introduction of a requirement, backed by law if necessary, that in future all interpreters working in the legal system should be legally qualified."

INNS AND OUTS



Lord Spens: cost-conscious



David Venables: retiring



Terry Davis: amazed

Inn's memory

SIR Nicholas Lyell QC, the Attorney-General, will unveil a portrait this week of Donald Keating QC, one of the founding fathers of the construction law Bar.

Keating is stepping down as head of 10 Essex Street and the portrait, by June Mendoza, will be given to him at a party at Lincoln's Inn to mark his contribution to the field.

The chambers, to be headed by John Uff QC, is also to change its name to Keating Chambers.

Aiding the young

AMID concern among penal groups about the vulnerability of 15-year-olds sent to prison, the Howard League for penal reform is planning a "trouble-shooter" project.

It will intervene directly in every case where a 15-year-old receives a custodial sentence and will work with prison staff to identify other options, such as local-authority secure beds for those on long sentences.

For those on shorter sentences, it hopes to negotiate with prison governors who have wide powers of temporary release and to find supervision and accommodation in the community with the help of probation and social services and other agencies.

The Howard League is a member of the Penal Affairs Consortium, which has condemned jailing 15-year-olds as "a recipe for intimidation, criminal contamination and suicide attempts".

Red hot dilemma

THE government may run into trouble in trying to formulate criminal laws to stop Red Hot Dutch programmes reaching British viewers. Burton Copeland, lawyers for Continental Television BVio, the Dutch company which has licensed the selling in Britain of Red Hot Television, the foreign satellite channel, has suggested to Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, that any prohibition could be in breach of European Community law.

The company says that an order under the Broadcasting Act 1990 to make it, for instance, a criminal act to supply decoding equipment, could fall foul of community law and the rights of "freedom of reception".

Flower children

BEREFT of ideas for sweeping your loved one off his or her feet on February 14? Take a cue from the ingenuity of the paramours at Herbert Smith — last year they paid masked crusaders to deliver red roses to the objects of their admiration.

The fees went to the Save the Children Fund Children in Cities Campaign which continues to benefit from fundraising events throughout the City.

Aide-mémoire

WHILE lawyers lobbied MPs last week over legal aid cuts, the Public Accounts Committee was grilling two top officials responsible for legal aid.

Sir Thomas Legg, the permanent secretary to the Lord Chancellor's department, and Stephen Orchard, the chief executive of the Legal Aid Board, had a golden opportunity to display their grip on the legal aid budget.

But when Terry Davis, the Labour MP, asked what was the cut-off point for legal aid — the maximum income or savings someone can have and still qualify — Sir Thomas was unable to recall the amount.

Mr Davis turned to Mr Orchard, who admitted that he too had to look up the figure. "Frankly," Mr Davis said, "I'm amazed."

Firm merger

HODGE Jones & Allen, the leading legal aid firm, is merging with Wyman and Walters, the criminal legal aid practice, from April, doubling the strength of its criminal team.

The move brings the combined staff to 55, one third of whom will specialise in crime. Henry Hodge, a member of the Law Society council, predicted that, in the face of government proposals for contracting out legal aid, such mergers were inevitable.

Important post

THE Lord Chancellor is looking for a replacement for David Venables, the Official Solicitor, when he retires in July. One of the duties of the Official Solicitor is to represent those incapable of representing themselves in court proceedings. The job involves difficult and important litigation, so it is reassuring to see that the advertisement for the position says that "some experience of litigation is desirable".

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Airline route to gravy train

BR privatisation may be a BA-type bonanza for lawyers, says Edward Fennell



Plane talking: Virgin boss Richard Branson shakes hands with Lord King, retired head of BA, after the so-called "dirty tricks" battle

The announcement last week of the first tranche of British Rail privatisation was greeted by speculation that airline companies, and not least Virgin, might be front-runners for the new franchises. The move is certainly likely to spark extensive developments in "railway law" in imitation of the growth in legal work in the aviation business since the privatisation of British Airways.

The precedent set by the airlines for the BR sell-off is instructive because, despite the recession and the difficulties faced by the airlines, the small world of London aviation lawyers has seldom been busier.

Even the recent shenanigans at British Airways, in its grudge match with Virgin, are simply part of the debris being churned out by an industry that is continually reshaping itself.

Not only are airlines constantly being reshuffled as they try to adapt to market conditions, but the recession is forcing lawyers working for banks and airlines to come up with increasingly sophisticated structures to finance aircraft deals.

As a result, it is an area of legal activity in a state of constant flux. It also requires lawyers with a deep knowledge of the industry. The generalist or the newcomer will simply not be able to score.

Alongside Beaumonts, the market leaders, are firms such as Norton Rose — which has a finger in every slice of the aviation pie, acting in turn for banks, airlines, lessors, lessees, financial institutions, insurance companies and manufacturers. Then there is Linklaters, whose interests are almost as diverse, as well as being involved in large infrastructure projects (such as the new Athens airport where its work on the Channel tunnel served as a good precedent).

Above all, aviation is a global industry. Financial transactions put together by Peter Thorne of Norton Rose, for example, could easily involve a Japanese leveraged lease combined with an export credit agency loan from another country.

The Pacific region is the area of most vibrant developments, with investors from Europe, America and Japan all wanting to be in on the action. And that work, as like as not, will be done by English lawyers working from Singapore, Tokyo, London or Paris, depending on where the deal is being done.

To get a look-in on these deals you need a big name and a long track record. Such exceptions as there are merely prove the rule. The biggest anomaly, of course, is Harbottle & Lewis, which is primarily a West End entertainment practice but which became drawn into aviation as Richard Branson's interests switched from flying balloons to flying aeroplanes.

Another exception is Theodore Goddard, which is starting to carve a reputation for itself only a year after having formed an aviation team.

The reason for its success, however, has been a plan of determined recruitment of partners from other firms who could bring an aviation following with them.

For example, Hugh Garety, one of the aviation partners, used to be the in-house lawyer at British Caledonian after training with the aviation team at Norton Rose. His name is known among both aviation lawyers and airlines and he recently appeared as an expert witness in New York in an aviation-leasing arbitration.

"Aviation is a very small and incestuous world," Mr Garety says. "For someone who is unknown to make any headway would be extremely difficult. Most new work comes through recommendation and word of mouth."

Even though Theodore Goddard is relatively new to the game, it already has a global practice. The firm acts for British Aerospace when it sells executive jets to South America and it does extensive work for African airlines, which are busy mopping up older aircraft that are going cheap on the world market. It has also pulled off a small coup in acting for Airport Co-ordination Limited, which now has the job of allocating "slots" to airlines flying to most of the main British airports.

Aviation work is not counter-cyclical but it is one of those areas where remorseless change is routine. Lawyers have done well out of that. Just think what they are going to do once they get their hands on the railway timetable.

Is it a gay life in the US navy?

While President Clinton has bobbed and weaved to build a political consensus for his plan to end the prohibition on homosexuals in the American military, a federal judge in Los Angeles may have seized the initiative.

Last month Judge Terry J. Hatter Jr ordered the Navy to reinstate Petty Officer V. Keith Meinhold, an airborne sonar analyst and instructor, who had announced his homosexuality on national television.

The court decision, if upheld on appeal, would extract one of Mr Clinton's political chestnuts from a firestorm. Criticism of his effort to lift the Reagan ban has come not only from Republicans but from Mr Clinton's own political allies. The ban, drafted in 1982 by the Reagan administration, explicitly bars homosexuals from military service and defines what the military means by homosexual behaviour. It is defined as "bodily contact, actively undertaken or passively permitted, between members of the same sex for the purpose of satisfying sexual desires". The Reagan edict concludes, flatly, that "the presence in the military environment of persons who engage in homosexual conduct or who, by their statements, demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct, seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission".

> 'The ban on gays is seen by many as incompatible with democratic values'

The ban on homosexuals is seen by many as incompatible with democratic values in a civilised society. By others, it is deemed essential to maintaining good order and discipline.

Homosexuals who have held distinguished or promising military records have been unceremoniously drummed out of the military in recent years. Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, who won a Bronze Star in Vietnam in the Army Nursing Corps, was discharged after 27 years in uniform because she stated on a form that she was a lesbian.

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Classifications based on sexual preference, unlike classification based on race, may be sustained under the Constitution if deemed reasonable and not irrational. In prior cases involving gays in the military, courts have deferred to "military judgment" and refused to substitute their judgment for that of the generals.

Yet the record was apparently replete with government statements and documents showing that sexual orientation was unrelated to military job performance. Judge Hatter cited several Pentagon and other government studies which concluded that there was no rational basis for discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the military. Governmental distinctions having no rational basis would be unconstitutional as violating due process and equal protection clauses.

Mr Clinton has embarked on a two-step approach which would only suspend the Reagan order for the present and defer a final order for six months. The result has been a political quagmire for the new president. Yet even homosexual groups do not view this issue as a high priority.

As Mr Clinton studies the matter to decide whether the government will appeal against the court decision in California, the politicians eye him warily as they sit on the fence.

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Breathalyser procedure failure

Murray v Director of Public Prosecutions
Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Laws
[Judgment February 4]

It was an essential part of the breathalyser procedure that the motorist be warned that failure to provide a specimen could make *him liable for* prosecution: so any specimens obtained without the warning having been given were inadmissible in evidence despite the fact that no prejudice had been caused to the motorist.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Gary John James Murray against his conviction on a charge of driving with excess alcohol by Basildon Justices, who had found that the warning had not been given but convicted the appellant because they held that the omission had caused him no prejudice.

Section 7 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 provides: "(7) A constable *must*, on requiring any person to provide a specimen in pursuance of this section, warn him that a failure to provide it may render him liable to prosecution."

Section 15 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 provides: "(2) Evidence of the proportion of alcohol or any drug in a specimen of breath, blood or urine provided by the accused shall, in all cases, be taken into account and . . . it shall be assumed that the proportion of alcohol in the accused's breath, blood or urine at the time of the alleged offence was not less than in the specimen."

Mr Nigel J. Ley for the appellant: Mr Peter Fenn for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the *judgment* of the court, said that the effect of the decision in *Howard v Hallett* ([1984] RTR 353) was that the results of a breath, blood or urine test were only admissible on a prosecution for driving with excess alcohol if the procedural requirements of what were now sections 7 and 8 of *the Road Traffic Act 1988 had* been fully complied with.

The essence of that conclusion was the court's construction of what was now section 15(2) of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 that it should be read as if implicit in it, after the words "specimen of breath, blood or urine provided by the accused" was "pursuant to the provisions to the Act".

There remained the question whether it should be held as a matter of principle that where no prejudice to a defendant was occasioned by a failure to warn him, the decision in *Howard* had no application and the results of the consequent test could be admitted despite the breach of procedure.

The court was unable to arrive at such a conclusion. Once it was accepted that the admission in evidence of the results of tests was, on the proper construction of section 15(2), dependent upon the statutory procedures having been carried out, it was impossible to carve out an exception to cater for the cases where the breach of procedure caused no prejudice unless section 15(2) was to mean one thing in some instances and something else in others.

That was an impossible view of *section 15(2)*: nothing in the statutory language suggested that it was capable of such a differential application. That result meant that unmeritorious defendants might sometimes be acquitted. But it should be remembered that that legislation, contrary to the general traditions of the criminal law, but for good and pressing social reasons, compelled a suspected person to provide evidence against himself.

It was, therefore, not surprising that a strict and compulsory code was laid down as a set of pre-conditions which had to be fulfilled before any specimen produced by the defendant, which might condemn him at the hearing of the charge against him, could be adduced in evidence: no matter that there might be some instances where breach of the code occasioned no discernible prejudice.

In the result, there was no alternative but to conclude that the breath tests obtained from the specimens provided by the appellant in the instant case were not admissible before the justices because they found that the section 7(7) warning had not been given.

However, the court would not have dealt with the appeal fully unless it expressed its disquiet about the justices' essential finding of fact and the way it was achieved.

As to the warning, the police officer concerned said "that she completed the standard procedure" form but was unable to recall the exact words used.

The *standard* procedure *form* was a well known document with which the court was familiar. The court would be *surprised* to learn that the justices were unfamiliar with it. It contained express provision for the procedure in accordance with the legislation to be followed at a police station when specimens of breath, blood or urine were sought.

The procedure included the giving of the warning in issue here and for the signature of the officers responsible for carrying out the procedure.

There was no cross-examination of the police officers on the point. Accordingly, it was not suggested to either officer that the warning had not been given.

The justices accepted a submission that there was no evidence of the giving of the usual warning which, in the circumstances, was very remiss of them. It was open to them to accept from what the police had said that the standard procedure had been followed.

If they were in doubt as to the step-by-step contents of that they should have asked the police officers to explain or to remind them of the procedure and if necessary to produce the standard form.

They should have dealt with the submission robustly, for such a *response to it was, in the circumstances,* clearly called for. As things were, the court had to accept their findings, which with reluctance it did.

To ensure that what went on in the court below was not repeated in future, prosecutors should ensure that the relevant standard procedure form was produced in breath-alyser cases and justices should be alert to see that a submission of the kind made in the instant case did not succeed where it was permissible, as it was here, for them to allow, if necessary, further evidence to be called. Otherwise they should consider carefully whether a safe inference could be drawn that the usual procedure had been followed.

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Public interest immunity claims

Balfour v Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Before Mr Justice Knox, Mr A. Ferry and Mr K. Hack
[Judgment January 29]

Although some claims for public interest immunity were capable of being weighed by judicial experience, *when such immunity* was claimed on the ground that disclosure might endanger national security, then it would not generally be appropriate for industrial tribunals to go behind the ministerial certificate as to assessment of the dangers of disclosure.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing an appeal from the refusal by a chairman of a London industrial tribunal in January 1992 of an application for disclosure of documents by the applicant, Mr Andrew Balfour, in relation to his claim that his employers, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, had dismissed him unfairly.

Mr Robin Allen for the applicant; Mr Christopher Katkowski for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that what was in issue was the proper approach to be adopted in relation to public interest immunity in connection with the security and intelligence services.

It was not necessary to say anything of the factual issues other than that the unfairness on which the applicant relied had, on his version of events, a close connection with the security services.

The Foreign Secretary and the Home Secretary had sworn affidavits *claiming public interest immunity* in respect of different categories of documents. The substance of their certificates was in identical terms so far as the basis for claiming public interest immunity was concerned.

The chairman said that she had no jurisdiction to order disclosure. That was an unfortunate turn of phrase because it suggested the law was understood as after *Duncan v Cammell Laird & Co Ltd* ([1942] AC 624) but before *Conway v Rimmer* ([1968] AC 910), namely that if the Crown made a claim to Crown privilege, the courts were precluded from investigating further.

Mr Katkowski did not seek to defend any such proposition but submitted that, if one read the whole of the note of the chairman's decision, what was being said was in line with Lord Reid 's words in *Conway v Rimmer* that there were two categories of situation where the public interest was involved.

The first was where the reasons given were susceptible of being weighed by judicial experience and where the judge had to do the balancing process and second, where the reasons were of a character which judicial experience was not competent to weigh.

In the latter case the judge had to balance the public interest of the proper administration of justice, which required relevant evidence to be disclosed, and the protection of national security.

Mr Katkowski relied on *Thorburn v Hermon* (*The Times* February 21, 1992) *where* Mr Justice Otton had held that courts would accept an assertion by evidence by the Crown that an action was necessary for the safeguarding of national security.

Mr Allen submitted that it was wrongly decided as inconsistent with *Air Canada v Secretary of State for Trade* ([1983] 2 AC 394).

The appeal tribunal accepted that on the authorities there was no absolute immunity in all conceivable circumstances with regard to any classes of documents. Further, questions of national security were not in general suitable for judicial evaluation.

It would not be appropriate for an industrial tribunal to seek to go behind a ministerial certificate as regarded national security considerations including, in particular, the assessment of dangers involved in the disclosure of classes of documents.

The appeal tribunal read Mr Justice Otton's judgment as looking at and accepting the reasoning of the minister's certificate as establishing that national security would be imperilled by the claimed disclosure. He was not applying the judicial equivalent of a rubber stamp as soon as a claim for Crown privilege was raised. The process was one where the scale against disclosure was the heavier rather than one where there was no balancing exercise at all. Since *Conway v Rimmer* it was the court's decision.

There also remained the need for evidence to link the document to the reasoning in support of the claim to public interest immunity. It was for the court or tribunal deciding on the question of discovery to be satisfied as to that. But that did not lead to the conclusion that in all cases the court itself had to inspect the documents concerned.

The principles applied by the chairman were correct if one interpreted the reference to absence of jurisdiction in the wide *sense of the tribunal not being* qualified to evaluate the strength or validity of the national security *reasons* advanced in the ministerial certificate.

Solicitors: Mr John Wadham: Treasury Solicitor.

Shipowner not liable for all omissions

Seaboard Offshore Ltd v Secretary of State for Transport
Before Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Buckley
[Judgment February 2]

The owner of a ship was not vicariously liable under section 31 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 for the omissions of all its employees.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing Seaboard Offshore Ltd's appeal by way of case stated against its conviction by Newcastle upon Tyne Justices on September 20, 1991 of failing to take all reasonable steps to secure that a ship was operated in a safe manner, contrary to section 31.

Mr Nicholas Saunders for the company; Miss Clare Montgomery for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said the justices had found the company had caused the ship to be operated in an unsafe manner by allowing the chief engineer only 2 hours 50 minutes in which to familiarise himself with the ship before sailing.

The justices made no finding as to who had decided that the ship should go to sea. They had concluded that a failure by anybody in the company to take all reasonable steps gave rise to an offence under section 31.

His Lordship was prepared to assume that section 31 created an absolute offence and that no criminal state of mind need be proved. The question was whether there was vicarious liability on the *part of the owners if any of their* employees failed to comply with the requirements of section 31.

There was some difference in the authorities as to whether in all cases of offences of absolute liability it followed that there was also vicarious liability.

In his Lordship's judgment there were cases where, despite the existence of strict liability, it was necessary to look at the statute to see whether vicarious liability was intended.

In the 1988 Act there was a wide range of omissions which constituted a failure to take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the ship. There was also a wide range of persons whose omissions would have that effect, from the managing director to the cabin steward.

It was that which led his Lordship to doubt whether Parliament had intended to create a criminal liability on the part of the owner for *an omission by any of its employ*ees, however junior in rank.

If Parliament had so intended, his Lordship would have expected section 31 to say so in clear terms. It did not seem to his Lordship that the owner was to assume vicarious liability for everything done in operating the ship, whether at shore or at sea.

The duty was a personal duty on the owner, charterer or manager and not a duty breach of which could arise by means of vicarious liability. Where the owner was a limited company the duty had to be performed by those who managed the ship for the company.

The justices had made no findings as to how the company was managed. Their reasoning was that somebody must have failed to take all reasonable steps and that that somebody must have been an employee. In his Lordship's judgment, section 31 required more to *be proved than that before crim*inal liability was imposed on owners.

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Cheaper rates open up growth opportunities

BY DEREK HARRIS

LOWER interest rates could help small businesses looking for investment cash as well as making the borrowing itself cheaper.

Small businesses will be increasingly facing the need for funding expansion to cope with increased orders when the economy takes off again.

The possibility of cheaper rates opening up new sources of investment aid is put forward by Chris Maidment, a partner at Coopers & Lybrand who is involved in the consultancy's division dealing with growing businesses.

He said: "There are wealthy investors who, while interest rates have been high, have simply been putting their money on deposit. The more interest rates decline, the more likely it will be that they will look for investments in companies that would bring a better return."

It would be an encouraging trend because the banks, prime sources of funding for small businesses, seem unlikely to ease up on the tough criteria they now usually work to with small businesses.

Some migration from the banks has been spotted by the Association of British Factors & Discounters, which provides companies with finance against their invoices.

In the fourth quarter of last year, the association reports a 16 per cent turnover increase, an acceleration from the year-on-year rise at mid-year of 10 per cent. There is a chance of more help from "business angels" if the Chancellor listens to the British Venture Capital Association (BVCA). The BVCA has made a pre-Budget plea for tax breaks to encourage successful entrepreneurs to invest in new businesses.

The idea is for capital gains tax rollover relief when an entrepreneur realises profits from a successful business, provided the cash is then invested in some growing businesses.

It would free many to become "business angels", offering a fledgling business not only cash but often the benefit of tapping the entrepreneur's proven business skills.



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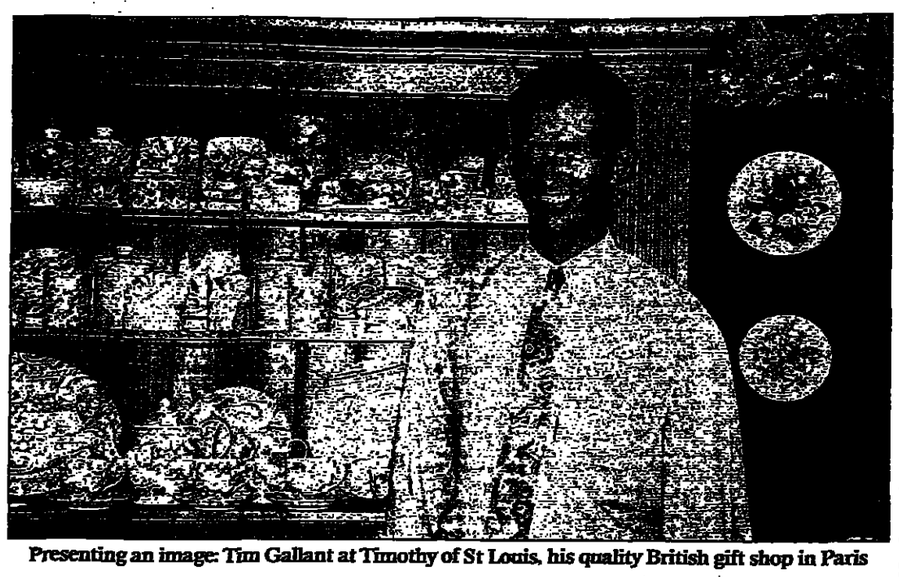
THE French market can be difficult for a foreign business to penetrate successfully, but Tim Gallant has done so. This Norwich man opened a quality British gift shop in Paris in 1985, and now has a business with annual sales running close to £1 million.

He went to Paris initially to study the language and then decided to stay. He was struck by how many Parisians were Anglophiles keen to buy high-quality British goods.

An inheritance allowed him to invest about £60,000 in opening a small shop in the exclusive area of Ile St Louis on the Seine. He called it Timothy of St Louis. It is in an 18th-century building with oak beams. His products range from grooming requisites, china and fabrics to high-quality stationery and a few specialist food items such as biscuits and marmalades. Prices are about 10 per cent above the equivalent British retail level, which, he says, covers the cost of transportation and administration.

Mr Gallant, 31, visits Britain about six times a year searching for new lines. He says that Parisians like items that they see as "very British" rather than merely made in Britain — hence his recent import of Christmas crackers. He said: "They have a novelty value. Some people laugh at the quirky English jokes inside, even though they probably don't properly understand them."

He has been able to exploit what he has learnt of the French market.



Presenting an image: Tim Gallant at Timothy of St Louis, his quality British gift shop in Paris

He now wholesales a similar product range to other gift shops in France. He finds shopkeeper customers by visiting the two big international gift shows held in Paris each year.

One key to his success, he says, is understanding French business customers. He said: "They are very different to those in Britain. The French are very direct — if they don't like something they will tell you straight rather than being apologetic as would usually happen in Britain." There is also greater bureaucracy in France. "This takes a while to get used to and can be extremely frustrating." Importing fragrances is a particular problem, he found. He said: "Even if a product has passed all the necessary health tests in Britain, French officials will always want to undertake exhaustive tests themselves."

Late paymems are another difficulty. The norm in France for payment of bills is for customers to be given up to 30 days after the end of the month following invoicing. Employing staff — Mr Gallant has seven — is also "much more expensive" than in Britain, he says.

Mr Gallant says that in spite of the recession the demand for top-quality traditional British products has remained "very high". He foresees no significant impact from the single market, but he is still projecting continued growth.

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DANCE: David Bintley, resigning as resident choreographer of the Royal Ballet, talks to **Debra Craine**

Off in search of a crowd he can please

The Royal Ballet's resident choreographer has had enough. Or rather, he hasn't had enough. Work, that is. So, after almost seven years in the job, David Bintley is saying goodbye to the company that no longer requires his services.

With a steady diet of the tried and the true dominating performance schedules at the Opera House — a policy financially justified by the higher returns they bring at the box office — there is not much room left for the uncertainty of the new. And that means there isn't much for a resident choreographer to do.

"I had the title but I did not actually do what a resident choreographer should do: regularly working with the company, creating work, forming part of the style. And it is not needed here, *they* don't think," says Bintley.

> 'It's dangerous to say times are hard, let's do things that are going to get an audience in'

Witness the fact that Bintley's *Tombeaux*, to be premiered on Thursday, is the only work this season which has not been staged before, in some form or other. The other additions to the repertoire, such as *The Tales of Beatrix Potter* and the forthcoming *Don Quixote*, all started life elsewhere. Next season promises more of the same: revivals of popular ballets with perhaps one new work thrown in for good measure.

It is a policy the 35-year-old choreographer clearly disagrees with. "It's a dangerous game to say times are hard, let's do things which are going to get the audience in and then when it's all fine we'll get back to creativity," he says. "People forget what creativity is."

Yet the exigencies of opera house finances have always made the promotion of new choreography a risk at Covent Garden. In the Sixties there was an average of two or three new works a year; in the Seventies the average was less than two every season. The Eighties saw something of a boom for new choreography: under Norman Morrice's direction experimentation and risk-taking were encouraged, with the result that some years saw as many as five new works. Ironically, Morrice's policy proved to be unpopular with critics and public alike.

Anthony Dowell, who took over in 1986, has moved the company back towards the 19th-century Russian repertoire, while maintaining a modest commitment to developing new choreography. Last season there were two new works: *Present Histories*, by the young William Tuckett, and *The Judas Tree*, the last work for the Royal by its principal choreographer, the late Sir Kenneth MacMillan.

Bintley, always the good company man, feels the time is right now to hand in his notice. "All you have to do is what I did: look at the repertoire, look at the dancers that are being hired, look at the danger and jeopardy with which every new piece is approached, the fact that there is always uncertainty as to whether it can be afforded.

"These are very difficult financial times, I am told all the time, but a resident choreographer can therefore come up with eight pieces that don't cost anything and I'm quite happy to make pieces which do not cost anything. This is what I was trained for and when that is not happening your life is kind of fast disappearing."

His decision to quit Covent Garden, which comes just months after MacMillan's death, leaves the Royal Ballet without a staff choreographer for the first time in its 62-year history. In the early days Dame Ninette de Valois made works for her fledgling company; Sir Frederick Ashton, the founder choreographer, defined the English style through his refined and lyrical ballets; in the Sixties and Seventies MacMillan enhanced the Royal's capabilities with his intensely dramatic and physically challenging choreography.

Today there is no obvious successor to Bintley, and his position is likely to go unfilled. "I think they would be crazy to take on somebody else now," he believes. "I think that in a sense there must be some kind of air of relief in the hierarchy that I am not here because it means that is one less problem for them, paying me and not being able to keep pieces I am doing in the rep. It becomes clear that one is not really wanted; I do not think they want the post."

Bintley blames the Opera House audience for the change in attitude, bemoaning what he sees as "the kind of indifference with which they can receive the most extreme work, the complete blankness with which they can approach anything with any intellectual content.

"In the Sixties people were getting in cheap and hanging off the balconies at the newest MacMillan and the newest Ashton. There was an air of creativity — when was the last time that happened here? The real audience cannot afford to get in anymore. The audience is now a very different animal to what it was seven or eight years ago. I think this has become a really strange place to work in: I do not know who the audience is anymore."

Whoever they are, they did not warm to Bintley's two most recent contributions: the one-act *The Planets* (1990) and the full-length *Cyrano* (1991), both judged to be failures. Could that have anything to do with the management's reluctance to commission more Bintley ballets?

"*The Planets* could have had enormous popular appeal. A third of the choreography was not very good but I think the costumes hid a lot of it. The set did not work as well as we all hoped for and it had the most unfortunate first night I think has ever happened here for a long, long time. Everybody was writing about the opera house falling apart, and not about the piece.

"With *Cyrano* the scene changes took five times longer than they should have; the pace killed it. And the timing was bad — too close to the film. *Cyrano* needs reworking; there are too many characters. But *Cyrano* is not dead."

Bintley feels many of his ballets have not been given the chance to develop. "Madame [de Valois] always said the first night of a piece is the beginning, not the end. I have done pieces which have worked, which have stayed in the rep, which have taken years to develop fully.

"They schedule a triple bill for six performances and then they cut two of them because they estimate that it will not sell. So I spend anything from six months to ten years working on a piece and it gets four shows. And if it does not sell and if it is not a critical success and the audiences are not rolling in the aisles, it's ten to one it is going to get dropped straight away. One of the most difficult things now in this place is to get into the rep amongst those 19th-century works, amongst the old favourites."

Although he will now take up a full-time career as a freelance choreographer, future work with the Royal is not ruled out. His plan to choreograph a full-length *Sylvia* (to the Delibes score) for Birmingham Royal Ballet is unaffected by his decision to leave Covent Garden: *Sylvia* will be premiered in the autumn in Birmingham. And two of his most popular ballets, *Hobson's Choice* and *The Snow Queen* (currently on show at Sadler's Wells), remain the backbone of BRB's full-length repertoire.

Bintley's parting shot to Covent Garden is *Tombeaux*, an abstract work set to William Walton's *Variations on a Theme by Hindemith*. The tutus are designed by Jasper Conran: "the most beautiful tutus in the world, the most comfortable; they are indigo, almost black, really elegant"

The score is grandly elegiac, highly-charged and passionate, written when the composer was 61. "In a sense it is what I have been going through the past year; it is what I have been thinking, feeling. I always intended it to be an affirmation at the end of certain principles; inside myself I actually feel like that at the moment, like the end is triumphal.

"*Tombeaux* is less like a variations, more like a metamorphosis, a continuous thing. In terms of genuine variation on choreographic steps it's more like a variations that most any other piece I have done, in that I have kept within the parameters of a very small amount of material without making it look repetitious."

This time, Bintley feels an unusual affinity for his composer: "Walton, and indeed Hindemith, were experiencing chill-blasts of critical disapproval at the time. I think he felt rather neglected. I empathise with him because he felt unwanted.

"With *Tombeaux* I don't give a damn. I don't care if nobody likes it because I am out of here and I can take it somewhere else. I am turning in the kind of piece that I want to turn in now. This is a good piece, whether they like it or not."

● Tombeaux *is part of a triple bill opening at the Royal Opera House (071-240 1066) on Thursday*

STEPHEN MARKESON



At work on Tombeaux, David Bintley's final creation as resident choreographer of the Royal Ballet: (left to right) Viviana Durante, Bruce Sansom and David Bintley

Ideas of conflict produce strong images

An exhibition of contemporary works purchased by the Imperial War Museum since 1980 prompts **Richard Cork** to the reflection that the direct experience of battle is not essential to an effective war artist

Walking round the main, machine-filled hall at the Imperial War Museum can easily induce a feeling of disquiet. So many ingenious instruments of destruction are presented there for respectful scrutiny. They gleam in silence, proudly expecting our admiration. We are invited to savour each polished gun-barrel in a sanitised context, utterly divorced from the brutal reality of death.

As the great picture collections upstairs testify, artists in both world wars offered an antidote to this celebration of weaponry. Even when responding to government commissions, many of the finest painters felt impelled to present the conflict as a tragedy rather than a heroic adventure. But now that the tradition of official war art has dwindled, do artists still grapple with this harrowing subject in their work? Nash, Nevinson, Spencer and Roberts all witnessed the soldiers' suffering at first hand, and drew on the memories in their images. How can artists today hope to invest their war work with the same conviction, operating at such a remove from the battlefield?

The answer, according to the **Declarations of War** exhibition at Kettle's Yard in Cambridge, is surprising. Culled from contemporary acquisitions enterprisingly made by the Imperial War Museum since 1980, the survey proves that artists continue to be haunted by the spectre of armed struggle.

Some, such as Michael Sandle, are old enough to remember the fear engendered by the second world war. As a boy growing up in blitz-pummelled Plymouth, Sandle was forced to endure the wholesale devastation of German bombing-raids. These gruelling formative experiences, combined with the years he subsequently spent as a gunner in the Royal Artillery, shaped his preoccupation with U-boats becalmed in glass cases, or stranded in a flooded bunker. Several of Sandle's ominous, brooding etchings are included here, and they return obsessively to a moonlit underground locale which must derive, in part at least, from his boyhood visits to nocturnal shelters. Although seemingly ruined, this eerie place might at any instant be reactivated. Melancholy reflections on the past mingle with fears for the future.

The legacy of historical conflicts also hangs heavily over Rosanne Hawksley's *Pale Armistice* — a circular wreath made, not from leaves, but discarded military gloves. Laid on top of each other, with a delicacy that implies reverence for their dead owners, the white, limp gloves offer a poignant reminder of war's human cost. But Hawksley is in danger of overloading her exhibit by including white lilies, interwoven with small bones, at the bottom of the wreath. Although an accompanying caption explains that the flowers represent The Trinity, such symbolism is not evident from the work itself.

If Hawksley's starting-points are the red wreaths of Remembrance Sunday, and the white poppies of the pacifists, Keith Milow takes the Cenotaph as his springboard. Lutyens's pure, blanched monument, rising from its Whitehall base, undergoes a startling transformation. As rusty as a remnant of old weaponry, Milow's version projects horizontally halfway up a wall. It thrusts towards us as aggressively as a siege-gun, turning a peace memorial into an angry reminder of the slaughter.

Clive Barker tries the opposite strategy, casting two hand-grenades in bronze and then plating them with chrome. They sit in their Perspex case like decorative eggs. Maybe Barker is mocking the museum's tendency to rob monuments of their violent purpose, but the grenades look worryingly seductive and desirable.

Susan Hiller's strategy is more reassuring. She uses some Woolworth's wallpaper for a boy's bedroom, festooned with gung-ho images of square-jawed soldiers and weapons. Rather than making it more attractive, though, Hiller obliterates the whole central area with a large black rectangle. The effect of this approach is funereal, and within the darkness mysterious script-like marks and automatic writing are allowed to offer hints of a more pacific vision of the world.

After a while, I began to miss a sense of engagement with the conflicts of the present rather than the past. But three exhibits rectified the imbalance. In Rita Donagh's pale and refined *Shadow of the Six Counties*, the ground-plan of the Maze prison's notorious H-block is stamped over Northern Ireland as if to cage the entire country and drain it of life.

Bill Woodrow's *Two Blue Car Doors* could apply equally well to the Irish troubles. The doors have been flung apart, as though by an explosion. But they are still linked by an umbilical cord of tangled metal, pulled out from the doors and shaped into an image of a machine gun. It dangles in the middle, asserting the inevitability of aggression to come even after the wrecking of the car.

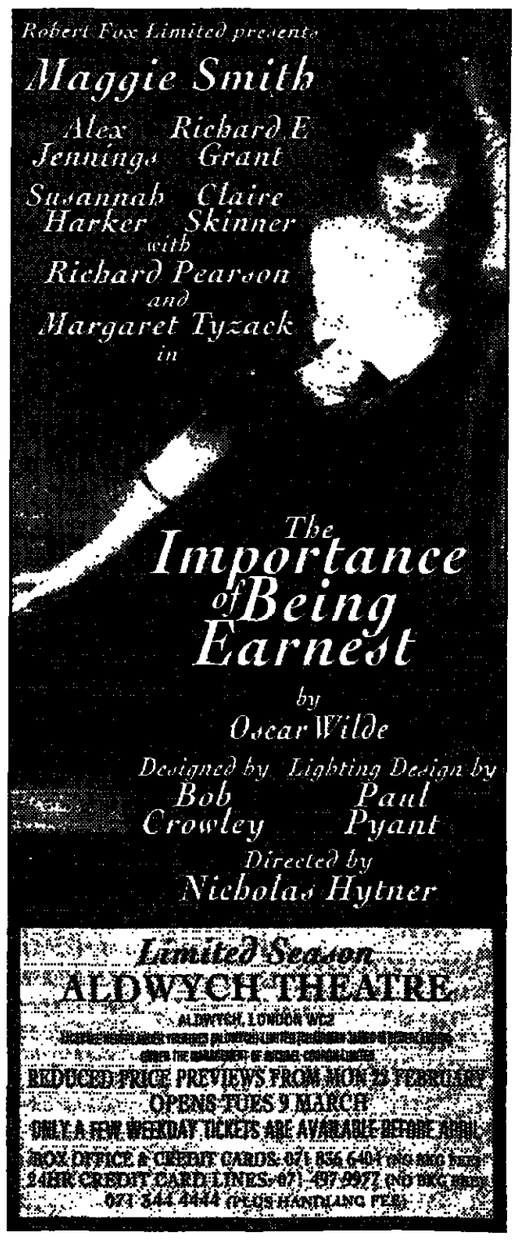
The most vivid, reportorial response to a recent war, however, is Jock McFadyen's unbridled painting *With Singing Hearts and Throaty Roarings*. As a battleship returns from the Falklands, a monstrous gaggle of faces cram the quayside. Like Grosz before him, McFadyen does not hesitate to caricature the leering lout who brandishes two fingers for victory below the bunting. Most of the other heads in this crowd seem equally boorish, and the use of collage gives them the crudeness of cardboard cutouts.

But the elderly man near the base of the composition looks sadder and more thoughtful. Amid the fairground clamour, and the tipsily tilting Union Jack, McFadyen reserves space at the centre for a soldier embracing his wife. His tiredness counters the callow display of jingoism, and the relief he feels is laced with a sense of sadness. He has witnessed the gruesomeness of war, and realised that it bears no relation to the antics of the revellers around him.

● Declarations of War, *Kettle's Yard Gallery, Castle Street, Cambridge (0223 352124) until Feb 28.*



Jock McFadyen's With Singing Hearts and Throaty Roarings: "the most vivid, reportorial response to a recent war"



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: With Klaus Tennstedt indisposed, the LPO's performance (in German) of Haydn's *The Creation* is now in the capable, but rather different, hands of Roger Norrington. Soloists are Felicity Lott, Anthony Rolfe Johnson and David Wilson-Johnson.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

CARMEN: Sally Burgess makes a vibrant Carmen in David Pountney's squalidly realistic English National Opera production which sets Bizet's drama in a Latin American used car lot. Supporting cast includes Edmund Barham (Don José), Donald Maxwell (Escamillo) and Cathryn Pope (Micaela). Justin Brown conducts
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7pm.

GREASEPAINT. This is the first of three modern Japanese plays at the Lyric Hammersmith. Frances de la Tour plays an actress beset with troubles, including the son she abandoned. A tremendous hit in Tokyo.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311) Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR. The subordinate status conventionally accorded to the watercolour is mirrored in the phrase "paintings and watercolours", as though only oils are the real thing. This important show pushes such prejudice aside, revealing that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most innovatory work was created in watercolour. Some 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists, among them Turner, Constable, Blake, Palmer, Girtin and Cotman, make the point irresistibly. Sponsored by Martini and Rossi.

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438) Daily, 10am-6pm, until April 12

THE GLASS SHOW: A part of the overall craft revival which has been very prominent since the Sixties is the making of art works in glass. This is the first major retrospective, covering the 25 years from the arrival of Sam Herman at the Royal College, and his introduction of techniques which enabled designers to work with the hot glass themselves. This changed the face of British glass-making, and opened the way to such crucial figures as Steven Newell, Diana Hobson and Rachel Woodman
Crafts Council Gallery 44A Pentonville Road, N1 (071-278 7700). Tues-Sat, 11am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until March 7

DON WELLER: An outstanding tenor saxophonist Weller is well worth catching for his fine technique and rounded Lester Young-influenced tone
Eagle and Child, Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate, E7 (071-534 1849), 8.30pm.

REGIONAL

BRISTOL: From Tuam, Co Galway, **The Saw Doctors** extract maximum mileage from their cultural heritage on their latest album, *All the Way From Tuam*. Their twangy guitar, Hammond organ, rootsy mandolin-based music, energy and good humour have built up considerable appeal on this side of the Irish Sea as well.
Rainbow Cabaret Club, Frogmore Street, Bristol (0272 304488), 8.30pm.

HARROGATE: The **Russian All Stars'** staging of the Tchaikovsky ballet *The Sleeping Beauty*, on ice, is intended to be popular entertainment. Although lacking in sensitivity — a lot of the small detail is missing from the choreography and the recorded account of the music is blasted across the stage — the skill and bravura of the performances keep the audience applauding. The production is on tour until June.
International Centre, King's Road (0423 564433). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

OXFORD. Following the release of a new album, *History*, the American singer-songwriter **Loudon Wainwright III** is on tour here supported by British singer Christine Collister.
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street (0865 798600), tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm.

SALISBURY: Ripe revival of Joe Orton's romp **What The Butler Saw**, booed at its first performance but now hailed as a modern classic. A fine cast, led by Isla Blair and Roger Sloman, gives fine pace to the intricate, multiple family mishaps. Directed by Penny Ciniewicz.
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (0722 320333). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. Final week.

WOLVERHAMPTON: The **English Shakespeare Company** continues the rounds with its new staging of *The Tempest*, directed by Michael Bogdanov, with Irish actress and singer Olwen Fouere in the role of Ariel.
Grand Theatre, Lichfield Street (0902 29212). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BARNUM**: Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**. Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his late
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA**: Final performances of the Olivier award-winning Abbey Theatre Dublin production of Brian Friel's play
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◪ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins

■ **HAMLET**. Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. The uncut version (runs four-and-a-half hours).
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 6.30pm. 270mins.

◪ **HAY FEVER**: Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◪ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY**: Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged, doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◪ **KING LEAR**: Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

☐ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◪ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success or lack of it.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

◪ **LA MUSICA**: Very intense dissection of past love my Marguerite Duras: Harriet Walter's charged performance provides interest
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

◪ **MR CINDERS**: Samuel West and Sally Anne Triplett help spread more than a little happiness in the Vivian Ellis charmer reversing the Cinderella story
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 150mins. Extended to March 7.

◪ **OUR SONG**: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

■ **RICHARD III**: Ciaran Hinds in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins.

☐ **ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD**: Over-loud, ridiculous musical.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE SET UP**: Kerry Shale's *tour de force*, playing all the tough characters in this classic American poem about fixed fighting in Twenties New York.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 120mins

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**. William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

♦ **DAMAGE** (18). MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE END OF THE GOLDEN WEATHER (PG). Twelve-year-old befriends a simpleton during one halcyon New Zealand summer. Kiwi classic, unevenly filmed by Ian Mune.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

FOLKS! (PG). Family problems drive Tom Selleck almost as crazy as his senile father. Horrible, botched comedy, with Don Ameche. Director, Ted Kotcheff.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

♦ **HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID** (U): Amiable, inoffensive sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE PUBLIC EYE (15). Life, times and longings of a tabloid photographer in the Forties (Joe Pesci). Annoyingly artificial. With Barbara Hershey; writer-director, Howard Franklin
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

♦ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career. Stars Dan Aykroyd, Geraldine Chaplin, Anthony Hopkins.
Lumière (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

L.627 (15). The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine, stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material
Renoir (071-837 8402)

♦ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18). A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years; strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757)

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu); director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

ROCK: **David Sinclair** joins the faithful at a fumbled, stumbling rerun of Dylan's greatest hits

What becomes a legend least?

Bob Dylan
Hammersmith Apollo

IN THE two years since Bob Dylan last played at this venue, the accolades have continued to pile up. Critics raved over the award-winning boxed-set, *The Bootleg Series*, a collection of previously unavailable material, released in 1991. Tributes flowed thick and fast when he turned 50 the same year. And last October, a galaxy of stars participated in a concert at Madison Square Garden to mark the thirtieth anniversary of his career as a recording artist.

But as a contemporary phenomenon Dylan's stock has never been lower. His core audience is aging and dropping away, and his only new album, the acoustic *Good As I Been To You*, was the latest in a long line of poor-selling, uninspired farragos.

In performance he has therefore been leaning heavily on material from his back pages for many years now, and with only a few exceptions, the choice of songs here made it a virtual Greatest Hits package: "Maggie's Farm", "All Along The Watchtower" (*à la* Jimi Hendrix), "Tangled Up In Blue", "Positively Fourth Street", "She Belongs To Me", "The Times They Are A-Changin'" and "Highway 61 Revisited" among them.

Which is not to say, given Dylan's famously idiosyncratic readings of his own compositions, that it was an especially predictable event. Most of these otherwise familiar songs were rejigged, and usually there were holes in the new arrangements big enough to drive a bus through.

Guitarist Johnny Jackson and bassist Tony Garnier provided the reliable backbone of his four-piece group, while Bucky Baxter added dapper steel guitar and mandolin colourings. But the drummer, apparently a last-minute replacement for the missing Ian Wallace, was less familiar with the arrangements, and Dylan's method of signalling the endings meant that most of the songs tended to fizzle out rather unconvincingly.

Half the time it looked as though Dylan himself did not know what was going on. He played a lot more guitar than usual, and launched into chaotic, jabbering little solo breaks whenever the mood took him. Disaster struck during an otherwise rather appealing version of "It's Alright Ma (I'm Only Bleeding)", when, accompanied only by upright bass and mandolin, Dylan repeatedly fumbled a section and the song ground to a halt. No one seemed bothered and the adoring crowd gave a mighty roar of approval at this latest evidence of its hero's humanity.

This is surely part of Dylan's problem. In an age of high-gloss, digitalised production values, Dylan's ramshackle manner and all-too-obvious propensity for making mistakes is part of his appeal. The sloppier his playing and the more unsympathetically he mauls the tunes and words of his songs, the louder his audience will applaud. Like the restaurant that never receives any complaints, it is a situation in which standards are likely to decline rather than improve.

An alarmingly clumsy performer, he seemed unable to strap on a harmonica rack or plug in a guitar without getting his lead tangled up or bashing awkwardly into his microphone stand. And how is it possible to play the harmonica, professionally, for 30 years and still show no signs of improvement?

Some of the re-arrangements did throw new light on old songs, notably a sprightly, stripped-down version of "Mr Tambourine Man" sung with just an acoustic guitar and upright bass accompaniment. And there was a good feeling about the show as a whole, as if, for all its shambling imperfections, this was a performance from the heart. But if anyone other than Dylan played a set of 25-year-old songs as ineptly as this they would be laughed out of town.


Last sighting: Dylan at Madison Square Garden in 1992. Photographers were barred at Hammersmith

LONDON CONCERTS: the work of Olivier Messiaen, Elliott Carter and Henry Purcell, variously celebrated

Odd couple in harmony

Philharmonia/Ensemble InterContemporain/Boulez
Festival Hall

A 24-HOUR span in December 1908 saw the births of two of the major composers of the 20th century: Olivier Messiaen and Elliott Carter. Their compositional styles could scarcely be less alike, but that only added to the interest and variety of the anniversary tribute offered by the Philharmonia Orchestra and the Ensemble InterContemporain under Pierre Boulez on Sunday night.

While Messiaen's music tends towards the colourful, static and contemplative, Carter's is typically hard-edged, dynamic and dramatic. Such generalisations are dangerous, of course, and the ravishing account by Maria Ewing of Messiaen's *Poèmes pour Mi* demonstrated just how operatic this composer can be. More than one of the nine poems (texts by Messiaen) evokes the language of Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*, and possibly Boulez's recent involvement with that score enabled him to tap the rich vein of passion in Messiaen's cycle.

Nowhere was this more effectively done than at the conclusion of the first song, "Thanksgiving", with its ecstatic "Alleluias", and of the exhilarating final song, "Fulfilled prayer". Ewing's communicative manner and excellent French diction made her an ideal interpreter.

The other Messiaen work in the programme was the more conventionally immobile *Un vitrail et des oiseaux*, a late work premiered as recently as 1988. The stained-glass window and birds of the title are represented respectively by a trumpet melody and by tuned percussion (chaffinch) and woodwind (blackcap). Falling into a verse-and-refrain pattern, the piece has an attractive hieratic feel, perfectly captured by Boulez and his players. The alert piano soloist was Dimitri Vassilakis, and the ensemble was drawn jointly from the Philharmonia and the Ensemble InterContemporain, who commissioned the work.

The two ensembles joined forces also for Elliott Carter's Oboe Concerto (similarly premiered in 1988). The soloist, Laszlo Hadady, was an EIC member and fully up to the taxing demands of the solo part, which calls for a variety of unconventional techniques.

The other Carter work was his *Three Occasions*, a triptych of celebratory pieces delivered with panache by the Philharmonia under Boulez's clear-headed direction.

Appropriately, the remaining item in the programme was one by Boulez himself, dedicated to Carter as an eightieth birthday tribute. *Dérive 2* is a frantic *moto perpetuo*, short in duration but powerful in effect when delivered with as much intensity as by the joint ensembles on this occasion. The whole of this memorable concert can be heard on Radio 3 this evening.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Glad to be so gloomy

Red Byrd
Wigmore Hall

THINGS seem to be warming up quite nicely for the tercentenary of Purcell's death, two years hence. We have already had a Purcell weekend at the South Bank, the records are trickling off the presses; and last Thursday the four voices of Red Byrd devoted most of an evening to music by him on the subject of death.

Called, a bit cheaply, "Apocalypse Then", the concert reaffirmed the truism that the best music is also the most miserable: and you cannot get more gloomy, nor more affecting, than Purcell's *Funeral Sentences*. They provided the framework for Red Byrd's final set, sung without a break. The intensity and reflective beauty of this music, performed with impressive poise by all four voices, proved intoxicating, especially with the contrast provided by the sacred songs — still dark-hued but more declamatory in style — interleaved here.

Of those, "Lord, I have sinn'd", given by the tenor Ian Honeyman with a passion and contrast of dynamic and tone unrivalled throughout the concert, was easily the most affecting, not because of any superiority in the music's quality (it was all superb), but because of Honeyman's sense of phrase and willingness to realise the emotion in this music. The other tenor, John Potter, made a bold attempt at emulating Honeyman's manner in the demanding "Lord, what is man", but he seemed physically strained by the tessitura, swallowing high notes and shaping the line awkwardly.

Meanwhile the bass Richard Wistreich (who also recited one or two apposite poems) often sounded almost embarrassed by the natural resonance and power of his own voice. He was straightforward enough in the anonymous "Would ye have a young virgin of fifteen years", the 17th-century equivalent of a rugby song and one of three numbers (the others were Purcell's "When first Amyntas sued for a kiss" and Blow's "Cloe and Amyntas") that functioned as light relief before the final onset of darkness. But he continually held back in more demanding music such as "Begin the song, and strike the living lyre."

The otherwise pure, smallish soprano of Suzie Le Blanc had a nice edge to it, lending a vital element of colour to the Witch's character in that miniature masterpiece, "In guilty night", where Honeyman was Saul and Wistreich the ghost of Samuel. It also suited "The fatal hour comes on apace" in the final section of the concert, which closed with the simple, chordal version of "Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts". Purcell knew those secrets too, as music like this tells us.

The continuo work, from John Toll at the harpsichord and organ, and from the lutenist Nigel North, who also played two guitar pieces by the Italian émigré Francesco Corbetta, was exemplary throughout.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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Architecture with art at its heart

The difference between soulless and soulful design is a matter of details, Theo Crosby tells **Marcus Binney**

Theo Crosby's mission is to forge a new marriage between architecture and the arts. "There are 30,000 unemployed artists in Tower Hamlets. Two or three thousand artists emerge each year from art school," he says. Crosby believes architects could use this talent to transform every city in Britain. "Artists are cheaper than plumbers," he says, "yet there is more art in one issue of *Vogue* than in the whole of Harlow New Town."

Art is the key to his imminent transformation of the concrete wilderness of the Barbican Arts Centre in the City of London. The first problem, of course, is that the centre is so hard to find. "You have to make 27 right-angle turns coming from Moorgate Tube station. Already it has more signs than any other known place in the universe."

> 'The classical style provides everything needed: order, complexity and decoration'

So Crosby is trying to create a presence by other means. He has commissioned a 10ft illuminated sculpture by Matthew Spender over the arrival ramp. Inside, Crosby wants to create a sense of touchability. "One of the great problems in modern architecture is that everything is machine-made — ex-factory. Contrast this with the Coliseum in London, with its details such as the stained glass in the doors and decorative push plates." He will do the same at the Barbican. "The expense is not so great," Crosby says. "Art and craft work is more expensive than nothing at all, but in a building like this you can't buy cheap carpets and tacky handrails. They wear out."

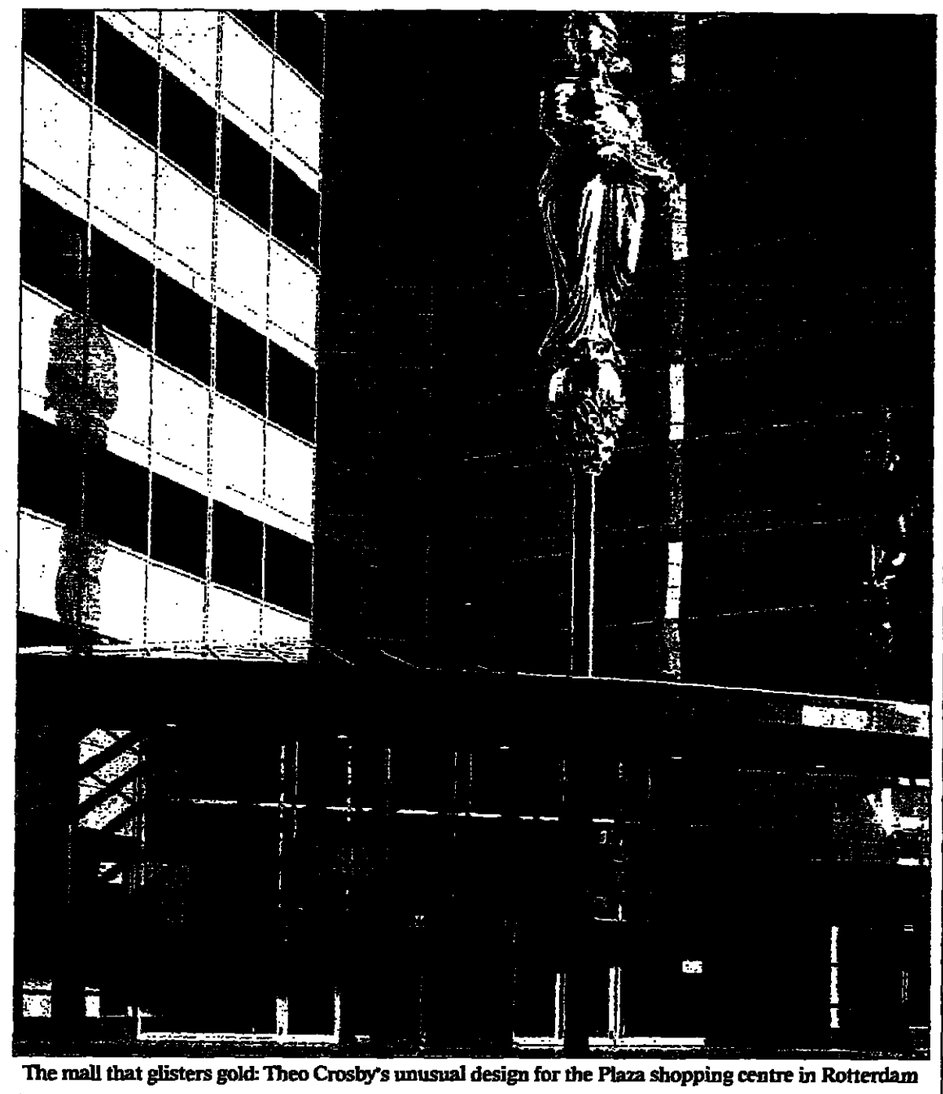
The Barbican is not the only project on Crosby's plate. Beginning soon is a scheme which could transform London's music life. This is a bargain (£50,000) new opera house in the covered halls of Spitalfields market. It will be constructed simply of scaffolding, clad with scaffold boards on both sides and packed between with sandbags full of insulation. It is due to open in time for the Bangladeshi festival this summer.

The new theatre will seat up to 540 and has an orchestra pit for 40 players. "The cost of providing a seat is about £3 a head. Add to this £5 for putting on the opera and seats will sell at £8 to £10," he says.

One of Crosby's largest recent projects has been at the Rotterdam Plaza Centre, an example of how a standard, bland shopping centre can be transformed by flashes of art. Outside are eye-catching gold sculptures. For the interior the architect showed the developers photographs of carved and painted hanging signs in the streets of older towns. "People love them. They create a sense of place," he says.

Attention to detail is crucial, he says. "We live today in the ruins of truly wonderful towns. Everywhere there are steps, paving stones, coal hole covers, gratings, railings and other remarkable details."

He believes London needs new monuments to provide new points of interest for visitors. "Most tourists come to see just six things, with Madame Tussaud's top of the list," he says. Crosby has a vision of a new tourist axis following the river, taking the tourist buses out of the West End.



The mall that glisters gold: Theo Crosby's unusual design for the Plaza shopping centre in Rotterdam

He is already masterminding the reconstruction of the Globe Theatre on the South Bank. Two of the 20 sides have been completed as a trial run and will be ready for a performance on April 23, Shakespeare's birthday. "It's in real oak, with a thatched roof. The first in London since the Great Fire of 1666."

He has drawn up a plan for a Battle of Britain monument on the same commanding scale as the Statue of Liberty. This would be situated on the South Bank by the Surrey Docks, roughly midway between the Tower of London and the Thames Barrier. At £30 million he believes it could be a commercial venture. "One of the more disastrous consequences of modernist thinking was the failure to build monuments after the second world war. It was supposed that functional buildings like hospitals and schools would fulfil this role," he says.

The granite base of the Battle of Britain monument would be carved with a 20ft-high frieze telling the story of the war from Dunkirk to the surrender on Luneberg Heath. Above, a long inscription would encircle the monument, a quotation from Churchill's speech to "the Few". Above that it would continue, first as a pyramid, then as a column to an upper stage with sculptures of the aviators and a sculpture of a full-sized Heinkel bomber crashing and a Spitfire hurtling past.

On a more modest scale he has designed the new National Police Memorial to stand in St James's Park opposite the Admiralty Citadel. "We hope to begin in August. It's as classical as I can make it. The classical style provides everything needed for modest buildings: order, complexity and decoration. It allows the untalented to make good simple things and the brilliant to astonish."

This is precisely what is refreshing about Crosby. For him, style is not a matter of dogma but appropriateness to place and purpose.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Chock-full of Mars bars

Colonising the red planet poses ethical and practical questions

Crouching in the desert, Chris McKay turned over a stone. The algae underneath told him that life can survive in some pretty unexpected places. But from this to believing that the unhospitable world of Mars can be transformed into a pleasant place to live is a fair stretch of the imagination.

Mars Alive, last night's **Horizon** on BBC 2, investigated the planetary engineers, men whose ambition it is to recast Mars in the image of Earth. To do so would involve raising the temperature and creating an atmosphere fit to breathe, tasks that, with luck, might be accomplished in a mere hundred thousand years or so.

Once the stuff of science fiction, "terraforming" Mars has recently enjoyed the accolade of a long article in *Nature* by McKay and colleagues from the US space agency NASA, so is clearly bidding to be taken seriously. *Horizon did* so, without accepting all the claims at face value.

The original idea had a beautiful simplicity. Take the chemicals that on Earth are accused of creating global warming, and seed the thin atmosphere of Mars with them. This would begin to raise temperatures, melting ice and coaxing carbon dioxide out of the rocks.

The water vapour and carbon dioxide, both greenhouse gases, would in turn accelerate the process and create in a reasonable timespan conditions in which primitive organisms could survive and begin producing the oxygen humans need. A small intervention would have produced great results.

Unfortunately, *Horizon* found as many doubters as supporters for this pleasing scenario. Even one of the authors of the *Nature* article seemed sceptical, and various members of the British Interplanetary Society who have considered the plan gave it the thumbs down.

One suggested that to warm up Mars sufficiently nuclear weapons should be taken there and exploded underground, where most of the heat is needed. Another suggested that a huge roof covering the Martian surface would be needed before living conditions could be created. They may be right, but neither of these ideas is anything like as attractive.

Roofing Mars would miss the whole point, McKay said, and I can see what he means. Terraforming is not supposed to be just engineering, but a creative act in which man goes so far as to play the part of God, touching into life a whole world where at the moment there is only dust, wind and bitter cold.

Horizon might have spent some time considering the theological implications of the idea. Where do men's rights to tamper with their environment end? Do inanimate objects such as planets have rights of their own which should be respected? Peter Ceresole, the producer, understandably preferred to stick to the technicalities.



Life on Mars? A mile-long shadow play

He unearthed some little-reported Russian work and interviewed a Japanese engineer who has already planned when the first Japanese baby will be born on Mars — 2057, the 100th anniversary of the first space shot. The Japanese have a reputation for doing as they say, so perhaps we should not laugh too loudly at this prediction.

The refreshing thing about scientists and engineers is their willingness to believe in a better future. Amid the present gloom we can hardly have too much of this. However impossible the planetary engineers' plans may be, they affirm one of the oldest dreams in science, that of building a New Atlantis. Francis Bacon would have felt at home.

NIGEL HAWKES

THEATRE: Dostoevsky rails in Manchester; Nijinsky and nonsense rule in London

Thrills with the brothers grim

From Dostoevsky's sprawling novel of love, hate, injustice and religion in a disorientated society, director Braham Murray has fashioned a gripping thriller in two hours' traffic (plus interval) of our stage. This is not to belittle Gerard McLarnon's adaptation which, while paring down the action, keeps the four main friends taut and strong: the four sons of the murdered Fyodor Karamazov, each clearly characterised in one of the Royal Exchange's typically strong line-ups.

Brothers Karamazov
Royal Exchange, Manchester

A blast of portentous music, then a huge censer swings across the stage, combining a reminder to the faithful with the scything menace of Edgar Allan Poe's pendulum ticking away a lifespan over the pit. Simon Higlett's design in the round even provides a pit, a recess in the centre of the sloping acting area like a volcanic crater.

At the play's opening it is filled with steaming black mud, and the slime-caked old patriarch rises like an earth spirit to fill us in on the rest of the family. He will return to the same hollow as his hooded killer stoves in his head for an impressive end to Act I.

The sons of genial Philip Madoc's almost too likable old Fyodor are well differentiated symbols for Dostoevsky's convoluted Russia, already racked by revolutionary movements. Michael Mueller is the grimly intellectual Ivan, the arid theorist who would consign a province to the labour camps if it advanced their salvation.

Salvation is central to *Karamazov*; and central to salvation is Dimitri, wrongly condemned for his father's murder. The role, with its touch of that Russian archetype, the holy fool combined with the scapegrace who in fact finds grace by assuming the sins of others, is fascinatingly cast. Tom Mannion plays down Mitya's romantic sweep in favour of a bewildered simplicity. Mannion's strength lies in a bulkily imposing presence used with great delicacy. The result, as when the condemned man is led away and asks us, the audience, to look after his beloved Grushenka, is a marvellously simple pathos.



Katya and Mitya: Louise Lombard and Tom Mannion take Dostoevsky a stage further

Grushenka is the part for which Hollywood considered an eager Marilyn Monroe. Lorraine Ashbourne gives us an ebullient free spirit whose emotional honesty and unswerving integrity make her a convincing soul (and body) mate for Mitya.

Katya, the other woman, is played by Louise Lombard, best known for television's *The House of Elliott*. Manchester succeeds where the BBC has failed: at last that unstylish delivery is replaced by a sense of the right class and period.

Two brothers remain. Ian Shaw plays the young monk Alexei with a straightforward, unsentimental sweetness. As the bastard crushed into servility, Jonathan Moore begins with an unctuousness worthy of Uriah Heep and adds a dimension of desolate bleakness. Sadly, there is no room for the author's original satire on trial by jury. With Graham Crowden as the judge, rich Dickensian (or Gogolian) caricature might have resulted.

MARTIN HOYLE

ARTS BRIEFING

Secrets for the Stasi

THE German dramatist Heiner Müller has been keeping quiet about the revelations that he had links with the Stasi, the East German secret police. But he can expect the subject to be raised in London this weekend. Müller is scheduled to give a talk on Saturday at the Lilian Baylis Theatre, where his play *Quartet*, an adaptation of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, opens tonight in a new production by Theatre Concept.

Müller, one of the new directors of Brecht's Berliner Ensemble, is not the only writer from the former East Germany who has been revealed to have links with the Stasi. The novelist Christa Wolf has been stripped of a literary prize, the Munich Scholl Prize, which she won for a novel in 1987. She has acknowledged that she regularly spoke to members of the Stasi about West German writers.

● THE Bath Festival is saying goodbye to its artistic director, Amelia Freedman, who is leaving next month to take up a new appointment as programme adviser to the Philharmonia Orchestra. Freedman has been artistic director since 1984; among her contributions were a jazz programme for the festival and the formation of the Bath Festival Chorus. A successor has not yet been announced.

The 1993 Bath International Festival, which runs from May 21 to June 6, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Grieg and features the music of Schumann and the late Romantics.

Last chance . . .

THE Bolshoi Ballet's Albert Hall (071-589 8212) season has been more like circus than theatre, with flashy excerpts from some of the world's most famous ballets. But choose your programme carefully and you could find some real treats. Especially recommended are *Spartacus*, *Golden Age* and *Le Corsaire*, which show off the Bolshoi dancers at their extroverted best. Your last chance to catch them is on Sunday night.

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Dance for a deity

Nijinsky: Death of a Faun
Orange Tree

THE arena stage at Richmond is furnished with a stool, a chair and a workbench to which a roughly carved figure of Christ on the cross has been bolted. It represents a basement workshop in the Swiss sanatorium where Vaslav Nijinsky has been a patient for many years, and the date, August 19, 1929, is the day of Diaghilev's funeral in Venice. Nijinsky has been persuaded that this place is the sanatorium chapel and here, interrupted by occasional hammering from another room, he is permitted time to voice his requiem for the impresario who made and broke him.

Since he was for a few years the greatest male dancer of his and perhaps all time, the requiem he creates must include dance. Inevitably the most rewarding passages of David Pownall's 90-minute piece are the opportunities it gives Nicholas Johnson to dance extended sequences from *Petrushka* and *L'Après-midi d'un faune*, along with a few steps, mockingly performed, from their romantic precursors. Even *Schéhérazade* gets a snappy badmouthing.

As a former dancer with the Royal Ballet and what was then London Festival Ballet, and a dancer noted for his character acting, Johnson's demonstration of Nijinsky's comments on these ballets, particularly the first two, are fascinating and allow the onlooker to feel a part of a highly personal master-class.

There may be subtleties I am not expert enough to see: Nijinsky has not danced for years and Johnson could have been suggesting that his elevation, *ballon* and the like are no longer so hot, even before he (deliberately) stumbles.

For Nijinsky's ruminations on God, Pownall draws on the rambling *Journals*, but perhaps it is his own, or Johnson's, insight that Christ's crossed feet make him seem to be dancing an entrechat. Identification of himself with God the Son and Diaghilev with God the Father suddenly became persuasive and profound but elsewhere, though ecstasy is present, I missed the sense of agony.

The text does not supply the route to expose this. He re-enacts sexual union with his master, and gives reason for his sudden marriage, but although Johnson's face is expressive, the tension in his voice remains muted.

Love and hate intertwined, devotion and rebellion inextricable — these are the states of mind that keep Nijinsky wriggling on a pin. They are described more than they are shown, in contrast to the ecstatic hymns to dance. "The spasm, there is no move more vital," he cries. "Dance shoots out with the baby, in a costume of blood." Here the show, directed by Jane McCulloch, comes truly alive.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Eschewing the stork

The Day After Tomorrow
Cottesloe

AFTER an afternoon spent struggling with traffic jams and security alerts, I tend to feel four to seven years old; and that should have been an advantage when I stumbled into Roel Adam's play, since that is the age group at which he aims. But I regret that my child self was unsatisfied. What I wanted was enchantment and escape, and what I got was a dullish whimsy about sibling rivalry.

Alice (Vicki Pepperdine) and Jenny (Kate Somerby) are sisters who inhabit what they tell us is a cottage, but which, in Anthony Clark's production, is a vast padded armchair. Jenny, being the younger, spends her time doing the washing-up and being bossed about by Alice; yet it is she who reacts the more forthrightly when a boy emerges from the chair's stuffing, telling them before he disappears that he is "your new little brother" and is "waiting to be born". She forces Alice to lead her to the "land of music", where he inexplicably lives.

So off they trot up a mountain and into the forest; there, they quarrel, get separated and panic. But then they are guided to the land of music by a fairy and a witch. And so to a reunion with Little Brother (Sally Martin) at which they end up playing violins.

All that seemed sure was that Adam wanted, first, to tell the tots that sharing is better than stereotyped ideas of the privileges and duties of children, and secondly, to spread some disinformation about the facts of life. Little Bro's "birth" is his sudden appearance in the drawer below the armchair. After that, how can a parent explain that babies really come by stork?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Welsh victory provides food for further thought

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SERIOUS revisions are required on two fronts after Wales's defeat of England on Saturday: the destination of the five nations' championship this season and the likely make-up of the British Isles party to tour New Zealand in the summer.

France, with a visit to Dublin and a home game against Wales to come, may scent the possibility of a championship if they keep faith with the present team. Scotland, if they prick the Welsh bubble on February 20, will arrive at Twickenham on March 6 looking for the triple crown, a prize, like the third successive grand slam, now beyond England's reach.

For Wales the sky's the limit in that they have played one, won one, while everyone else has lost. The championship as a whole has been injected with a huge whiff of excitement, even though England may yet win it.

What will England do now? In the short term they have the championship to defend; in the medium term they have New Zealand to beat next autumn; in the long term they seek the 1995 World Cup.

The first argues a slowly-slowly approach; the second two argue for change now, in the knowledge that there will be retirements anyway at the end of this season. And over all is the famous loyalty factor through which Geoff Cooke, the team manager, has built up a hard core of playing support in his squad. That factor would forgive Rory Underwood his horrid defensive error against the Welsh, were it not that the wing has enjoyed a muted season.

Having decided to retire from international rugby last March, Underwood changed his mind, but his heart has not looked in it. Moreover his brother, Tony, is playing so well that he presents the most positive of cases for a change on the wing.

Another is Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock, but Wade Dooley did nothing on Saturday to deserve a premature end. England won the lineout against a Welsh side that deserves credit for improving out of sight in that area, although England did by no means badly and Dooley won a third of all their possession.

The midfield, though, was a grey area for England. Lack of decision on the counter, lack of sharpness, lack of variation. It is as well England have a month to ponder the relative form of Rob Andrew and Stuart Barnes and decide which will give them the short-term gain they seek.

Andrew will be as anxious as anyone to see the team that Wasps will field against London Irish on Saturday in the Courage Clubs Championship.

Because he has been banned from competitive club matches since returning from France in October, Andrew has been short of first-class matchplay over the past two months. But Wasps have to consider the players who have taken them to the top of the table in his absence, specifically Adrian Thompson who has been playing stand-off half.

Meanwhile, the Lions selectors may have adjusted their sights, notably at second row where the outcome of the contest at Murrayfield between Gareth Llewellyn, of Wales, and the Scottish lineout, successful in two matches, will be scrutinised closely. Llewellyn has made giant strides this season while Emyr Lewis has confirmed his all-round qualities as a flanker.

The weekend may also have dented Will Carling's prospects of captaining the Lions. His overall record as leader remains far superior to any other contender, but history shows that, given half a chance, the Lions selectors have invariably looked away from England. The odds on Gavin Hastings, despite Scotland's defeat in Paris, may have shortened.

Lathwell century brings smile to Dexter's face

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN LAUNCESTON

ENGLAND have produced precious few young batsmen in recent years with the touch, timing and scope of Mark Lathwell. Concentration has been the query against him but, yesterday he crossed a significant barrier in his career, scoring 175 in the biggest and best innings of his life before Ted Dexter, chairman of England selectors.

There was a touch of the Dexter gambling instinct behind Lathwell's inclusion on the England A tour, when the Somerset batsman was short of his 21st birthday and with only one full season and one century behind him. But the selectors were backing more than a hunch, they were backing obvious class.

The judgment was richly endorsed yesterday. Dexter, paying a brief visit to the A team after a chastening week in Calcutta with the senior side, could not have asked for better recuperation.

Batting down the order at No. 5, where he has no experience but might prove best suited, Lathwell rescued the touring team from 81 for three with a five-hour exhibition of strokeplay which brought him 25 fours.

Sharing partnerships of 184 with Thorpe, who is showing pleasing signs of breaking through on this his fourth A team tour, and 81 with Millns, he allowed Moxon to declare at 420 for nine.

Lathwell is a Devonian of few words or complexities. Compared by the team coach, Norman Gifford, to the young Derek Randall — "as a batsman but not a character" — he has no background in the game and, 18 months ago, was so dismayed with himself after his first year at Somerset that he considered giving up.

Last summer, he impressed all who saw him with his rare ability to play the ball late and unerringly into gaps with a short backlift and apparently effortless style. Yet he frustrated, too, by continually being out quickly after bright half-centuries.

"It was a lack of knowing how to make big hundreds," he said after play yesterday. "I have not made many centuries at any level of cricket and I have only once batted as long as I did today — in a county second team game. I quite enjoyed going in at five, having a look first. I might even get used to it."

Lathwell had the break every player needs. He might easily have been leg-before, second ball, to Tasmania's former Test left-armer, Chris Matthews. Refreshingly honest, Lathwell said: "I thought the only doubt the umpire could have had was whether I hit it. And I didn't."

Matthews was the most successful of Tasmania's bowlers. His erratic pace bowling accounted for Middleton, Roseberry and Moxon before lunch, but by the time he sent back Thorpe late in the day, England A were in total command.

Dexter left with a smile on his face. He had begun the day by revealing that England may yet implement the third umpire system in this year's Ashes series. He had added his view that one or two of the seam bowlers on this tour could have a part to play in the summer. He will have had an additional name in mind last night.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A XI: First Innings

T C Middleton c Castle b Matthews	18
M A Roseberry lbw b Matthews	39
*M D Moxon c Tucker b Matthews	10
G P Thorpe c sub b Matthews	96
M N Lathwell c Hills b Castle	175
D J Capel b Castle	1
†R C Russell c Buckingham b Castle	10
D G Cork c Cox b Courtney	1
D J Millns c Atkinson b Courtney	25
J Boiling not out	5
M C Ilott not out	9
Extras (lb 7, w 2, nb 22)	31
Total (9 wkts dec)	420

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-70, 3-81, 4-265, 5-270, 6-312, 7-325, 8-406, 9-408.

BOWLING: Cooley 18-3-73-0; Matthews 27-2-110-4, McPhee 19-5-55-0; Cox 1-0-4-0; Castle 35-3-105-3; Tucker 2-0-16-0, Buckingham 4-0-28-0; Courtney 4-1-22-2

TASMANIA: D Hills, N Courtney, J Cox, R Ponting, *R Tucker, D Buckingham, †M Atkinson, C Matthews, T Cooley, D Castle, P McPhee

Umpires: R Donaldson and B Knight.

IAN STEWART



Room with a view: Stewart, England's vice-captain, relaxes on the team's day off

England's doubts take old form

Madras: England arrived here yesterday for the second Test match against India, starting on Thursday, with their health and fitness worries beginning to disappear. Concern over their form is less easily dismissed (Peter Ball writes).

The only lingering fitness worry is Phillip DeFreitas, who was still suffering from the stomach trouble he contracted in Vishakhapatnam. Hick, who had succumbed to the team virus on Friday, was on the mend and, although Stewart's finger is still swollen and bruised, the vice-captain insisted that it would not prevent him from playing.

"It won't be any trouble batting," Stewart said, "but it will get a bit jarred and be a bit uncomfortable keeping wicket." Stewart's wicketkeeping has been good right through the tour. Apart from his second innings in the first Test, his batting has been below par.

Playing in Vishakhapatnam, where he was drafted in at the last minute in place of Graham Gooch, proved a hindrance rather than a help. He injured his finger before scoring in the first innings and was out for a duck in the second.

Wicketkeeping is apparently not helping his batting, as he is the first to admit. He is unable to find a cause, but insists that he is primarily a batsman and wants to be regarded as an opener or No. 3 where he bats for Surrey and where he has scored most of his runs for England.

In the long term the answer seems to be for England to revert to a specialist wicketkeeper.

Pakistan determined to regain lost pride

PAKISTAN play South Africa in Durban today in the first match of a triangular tournament determined to prove they have not become a spent force in one-day cricket since winning the World Cup in Australia last March.

Pakistan were beaten 4-1 in the Texaco Trophy in England last summer, finished a poor third behind West Indies and Australia in the World Series Cup in Australia last month, and lost 2-1 in New Zealand over the new year.

Today's 50-over match is the first of ten being played over the next 19 days, in a series also featuring West Indies. Last week's triumph over Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in Sharjah has given Pakistan renewed confidence for their first tour of South Africa.

Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, said: "They may be the weakest teams in world cricket, but for us it was just the start up the ladder. We needed to boost our confidence, and the Sharjah tournament did just that." South Africa beat India 5-2 in a limited-overs series before Christmas.

Conditions in Durban, where the intense February humidity traditionally aids swing bowling, are likely to favour Wasim and Waqar Younis, but South Africa's Meyrick Pringle might trouble the Pakistani batsmen with his away swing.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Royal backing for Manchester bid

THE Princess Royal said yesterday that staging the 2000 Olympic Games would be good for Manchester, and Manchester would also be good for the Olympic movement (John Goodbody writes). The Princess, the president of the British Olympic Association, who is touring the city which will be officially launching its bid on February 17, said that she had no doubt that Manchester would deliver exactly what it promised.

She said: "This is a team that knows its job. It has done its background work extremely well. People know that. People in Manchester know that and people in the IOC know that. This bid is very serious and has been put together by people who have done their job properly." Six other cities have informed the IOC that they also want to stage the 2000 Games. Beijing and Sydney are the favourites and the other contenders are Brasilia, Berlin, Istanbul and Milan. Manchester failed in their bid for the 1996 Games.

Norway resurgent

SKIING: Lasse Kjus won the combined event in Morioka, Japan, yesterday to earn Norway's first men's world championship gold medal since 1954. His compatriot, Kjetil-Andre Aamodt, the Olympic super-giant slalom champion, finished a close second. Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, was third. Alberto Tomba, the Italian Olympic champion, who has a fever, is almost certain to miss today's giant slalom. His doctors said he had only a small chance of competing.

Novacek finds form

TENNIS: Karel Novacek, of the Czech Republic, celebrated his return to the professional circuit by winning the Dubai Open yesterday, beating Fabrice Santoro, of France, 6-4, 7-5, to earn a $142,000 (£100,000) prize, the biggest pay cheque of his career (Alix Ramsay writes). Novacek decided to take a break from the tour in November, to work on his fitness, but even he was surprised to come back to top form so quickly. "Last year, I only had one week off before the Australian Open and I played badly," he said.

Martin tries marathon

ATHLETICS: Eamonn Martin, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion and British record-holder, is to run the NutraSweet London Marathon on April 18, his first attempt at the distance (David Powell writes). "It is a serious attempt to run fast," Mel Batty, Martin's coach, said. Britain has not had a man under 2hr 10min since 1989. Martin, at 34, is a latecomer to the event and even though he is in the British team for the world cross country championships on March 28, three weeks before London, he will run both races.

Butler builds up

CYCLING: Gethin Butler, Britain's 12-hours time-trial champion, won the title last year with a distance of 276 miles (Peter Bryan writes). He started his season on Sunday with a modest 13.2-mile event at Kettering, admitting that he was not yet at maximum fitness. He was, however, fast enough to win the trial in 29min 59sec. His next event, in two weeks, puts him up against Chris Boardman, the Olympic champion who makes his racing debut of 1993 in the Ellesmere Port Two-Up 25 miles trial.

Doherty fights back

SNOOKER: Mental fatigue could not prevent Ken Doherty, from Dublin, mounting a spirited fightback to beat Darren Morgan 5-3 in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday (Phil Yates writes). His opponent in the last 16 will be Stephen Hendry, the defending champion, whom he plays tonight.

Exemption for Lane

GOLF: Barry Lane, right, a near certainty for the European Ryder Cup team, will be playing in his first US Open at Baltusrol, New Jersey, in June (Patricia Davies writes). Lane has been given an exemption from qualifying by the United States Golf Association, along with fellow Europeans, Anders Forsbrand, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Jose Maria Olazábal.



FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

HONOLULU: Pro Bowl: AFC 23, NFC 20.

ATHLETICS

ACOTEIAS, Portugal: IAAF World Challenge cross-country: Men (10km): 1, O Ondoro (Ken), 29min 00sec, 2, J Kanvio (Ken), 29.33, equal 3, D Castro (Por) and F Pamelia (It), 29.39. Women (6km), 1, T Lorupe (Ken), 19.48, 2, C Mc-Kernan (Ire), 19.53; 3, C Ferrera (Por), 19.59

GHENT, Belgium: Women: Great Britain bt Belgium, 69-60. Men: Belgium bt Great Britain 76-57.5

BADMINTON

NORWICH: Bulgarian Vintners English national championships: Men's singles: Final: D Hall (Essex) bt A Nielsen, (Surrey), 15-6, 10-15, 9-2 ret. Women's singles: Final: S Lous-Lane (Devon) bt F Smith (Surrey), 11-4, 11-1. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: S Archer (Worcs) and N Pording (Herts) bt J Anderson and I Pearson (Essex), 15-5, 15-5; J Robertson (Northants) and D Wright (Yorks) bt A Fairhurst and C Hunt (Lancs), 11-15, 15-12, 15-7. Final: J Robertson (Northants) and D Wright (Yorks) bt S Archer (Worcs) and N Pording (Herts), 15-7, 15-6. Women's doubles: Final: G Clark (Surrey) and G Gowers (Herts) bt J Bradbury (Oxon) and S Sankey (Lancs), 15-4, 17-14.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Proton Manchester Saints 99, Hemel Hempstead Royals 79; Sunderland Saints 66 Stentolon Worthing Bears 85.

	P	W	L	Pts
Thames Valley	20	19	1	38
Worthing	20	19	1	38
London	21	16	5	32
Guildford	18	13	5	26
Manchester	21	10	11	20
Leicester	20	9	11	18
Birmingham	21	9	12	18
Oldham	21	9	12	18
Derby	21	8	13	16
Cheshire	21	5	16	10
Hemel H'stead	22	4	18	8
Sunderland	24	4	20	8

SECOND DIVISION: Doncaster 84, Plymouth 75, Ware 79, Middlesbrough 76. Women: First division: Chesham 63, Rhondda 70, Milton Keynes 59, Ipswich 76, Nottingham 73, London Jets 46.

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Semi-final: Cardiff Heat 97, Crystal Palace 103

SCOTTISH CUP: Finals: Men: Livingston Bulls 89, Edinburgh Burger Kings 61. Women: Livingston 63, Dundee 49

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 101, Portland Trail Blazers 91; Phoenix Suns 121, Orlando Magic 105, Boston Celtics 87, Golden State Warriors 82; New Jersey Nets 105, Milwaukee Bucks 102; Seattle SuperSonics 103, Detroit Pistons 101; New York Knicks 104, Miami Heat 82.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Knicks	29	15	.659	—
New Jersey Nets	27	20	.575	3½
Boston Celtics	24	21	.533	5½
Orlando Magic	21	20	.512	6½
Philadelphia 76ers	17	26	.395	11½
Miami Heat	14	29	.326	14½
Washington Bullets	13	31	.296	16

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Bulls	32	15	.681	—
Cleveland Cavaliers	29	18	.617	3
Charlotte Hornets	23	20	.535	7
Atlanta Hawks	22	23	.468	9
Indiana Pacers	22	24	.478	9½
Detroit Pistons	19	25	.432	11½
Milwaukee Bucks	18	28	.391	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio Spurs	29	14	.674	—
Utah Jazz	28	16	.636	1½
Houston Rockets	26	19	.578	4
Denver Nuggets	17	27	.386	12½
Minnesota Twolves	10	32	.238	18½
Dallas Mavericks	4	39	.093	25

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix Suns	34	9	.791	—
Seattle SuperSonics	30	15	.667	5
Portland Trail Blazers	28	15	.651	6
Los Angeles Clippers	24	21	.533	11
Los Angeles Lakers	23	22	.511	12
Golden State Warriors	20	27	.426	16
Sacramento Kings	16	29	.356	19

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Seniors Cup: 1, H Kuederli (Switz), 124.66; 2, H Salamonn (Switz), 125.05; 3, H Straessle (Switz), 125.58. British: 5, R Liversedge, 126.85

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Third day: Barbice: Windward Islands 128 and 117 (C Butts 6-31); Guyana 471-4 dec (C Lambert 263 not out). Guyana won by an innings and 226 runs. Port of Spain: Leeward Islands 286 and 237-8 dec (R Jacobs 119 not out), Trinidad and Tobago 200 and 25-2. Kingston: Barbados 456-9 dec, Jamaica 88-3. No play—rain.

CYCLING

TOUR OF ANDALUSIA: Final overall placings: 1, J Gorospe (Sp), 20hr 48min 3sec; 2, E van Hooydonck (Bel), at 1sec; 3, N Stephens (Aus), same time

TIME-TRIAL: GB Stella Hilly (Funtington, West Sussex, 25 miles): S Ellis (East Grinstead CC), 1hr 01min 38sec

FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S FA CUP: Fifth round: Millwall Lionesses 0, Doncaster Belles 4; Arsenal 4, District Line 1; Rainworth 1, Bromley Borough 4; Bronte 2, St Helens 0; Maidstone Tigresses 2, Middlesbrough 0; Easom and Ewell 0, Red Star Southampton 1; Leasowe Pacific 2, Wimbledon 5; Ipswich Town 3, Stanton Rangers 2.

GOLF

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: US PGA senior tour: Caribbean Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 199: J Colbert, 65, 64, 70. 200: A Geibarger, 65, 69, 66; R Floyd, 67, 68, 65. 204: J C Snead, 66, 69, 69; D January, 69, 67, 68. 205: G Archer, 69, 68, 68.

PEBBLE BEACH NATIONAL PRO-AM: Final scores (US unless stated): 276: B Ogle (Aus), 68, 66, 69, 71. 279: B R Brown, 70, 68, 68, 72. 280: G Twigas, 69, 72, 70, 69; J Sindelar, 69, 72, 70, 69, T Dodds (Namibia), 70, 68, 70, 72.

LAKE WORTH, Florida: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 206: T Green, 70, 69, 69. J Camer, 66, 72, 70. 209: B Burton, 66, 73, 70. 210: J Geddes, 72, 71, 67; C Johnson, 69, 73, 68; K Robbins, 70, 70, 70; J Wyatt, 66, 71, 73. British: 213: L Davies, 76, 69, 68.

HOCKEY

Pizza Express National League

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hounslow	13	12	0	1	48	13	38
Southgate	13	11	0	2	43	18	33
O L'tonians	13	8	2	2	32	17	26
Havant	13	8	2	3	31	20	26
Stourport	13	8	2	3	26	21	26
Firebrands	13	7	4	2	27	22	25
St Albans	13	7	1	5	24	33	22
E Grinstead	13	6	2	5	31	20	20
Teddington	13	6	2	5	25	17	20
Bournville	13	5	1	7	17	24	16
Bromley	13	3	5	5	20	20	14
Slough	12	4	2	6	14	20	14
Canterbury	13	4	1	8	21	31	13
Welton	13	3	3	7	14	28	12
Trojans	13	2	4	7	19	22	10
Cannock	13	3	1	9	17	30	10
Neston	13	1	1	11	11	35	4
Surbiton	13	0	3	10	22	43	3

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	13	12	1	0	34	4	37
I Gymkhana	13	9	3	1	38	7	30
Guildford	13	10	0	3	33	15	30
Barford T	13	6	3	2	20	12	27
Ipsa	13	6	4	3	22	12	22
Cambridge	13	7	1	5	22	20	22
Brooklands	13	6	3	4	26	22	21
Richmond	13	6	2	5	22	13	20
Doncaster	13	5	1	6	19	19	19
Beeston	13	6	1	6	14	15	18
Cheltenham	13	4	2	7	12	17	14
Harborne	13	3	4	6	16	22	13
Harlestons	13	4	1	8	20	28	13
Warrington	13	3	3	7	15	30	12
Brean	13	3	1	9	6	29	10
O K'stonians	13	2	3	8	8	17	9
Chelmsford	15	2	2	9	11	26	8
Lyons	13	1	3	9	11	33	6

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brocknell Bees 8, Cardiff Devils 12; Durham Wasps 8, Murrayfield Racers 6; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 7, Nottingham Panthers 9; Whitley Warriors 11, Humberside Seahawks 5. First division: Basingstoke Beavers 17, Milton Keynes Kings 3; Lee Valley Lions 8, Slough Jets 14; Medway Bears 3, Romford Raiders 7.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL)

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division

	W	L	D	Pts
Pittsburgh Penguins	34	14	5	73
Washington Capitals	25	22	6	56
New York Rangers	20	21	9	55
New York Islanders	24	23	6	54
New Jersey Devils	24	23	4	52
Philadelphia Flyers	18	26	8	44

Adams division

	W	L	D	Pts
Montreal Canadiens	33	18	5	71
Quebec Nordiques	29	17	8	66
Boston Bruins	30	20	4	64
Buffalo Sabres	27	20	6	60
Hartford Whalers	14	35	4	32
Ottawa Senators	6	48	4	16

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division

	W	L	D	Pts
Chicago Blackhawks	31	18	8	70
Detroit Red Wings	29	20	6	64
Minnesota North Stars	28	18	8	64
Toronto Maple Leafs	24	21	8	56
St Louis Blues	23	23	8	54
Tampa Bay Lightning	18	34	3	39

Smythe division

	W	L	D	Pts
Vancouver Canucks	30	15	8	68
Calgary Flames	29	19	6	64
Winnipeg Jets	25	23	6	56
Los Angeles Kings	24	23	6	54
Edmonton Oilers	19	26	8	46
San Jose Sharks	6	46	2	14

MODERN PENTATHLON

AUSTRALIAN OPEN: Final: Men: R Phelps (GB), 5,595 points. Women: D Idzy (Pol), 4,930 points.

REAL TENNIS

ENRY LEAF CUP: Semi-finals: Radley (J Snow and M Drysdale) bt Haileybury (N and R Hollington), 6-2, 6-0; Winchester (A Lovell and D Seabrook) bt Charterhouse (N Pendrigh and C Swallow), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Final: Radley bt Winchester, 6-2, 6-2.

HAMPTON COURT: George Wimpey national mixed doubles championship: Final: M Allen and D Colquhoun bt K Allen and B Clive, 8-5, 8-4

SKIING

MORIOKA, Japan: World championships: Men's combined: 1, L Kjus (Nor), 34.22 points, 2, K-A Aamodt (Nor), 39.09; 3, M Girardelli (Lux), 36.27; 4, G Mader (Austria), 45.53; 5, S Locher (Switz), 65.34; 6, L Alphand (Fr), 70.81. British placing: 18, M Bell 118.82. Combined slalom: 1, Aamodt, 1.21.15; 2, Kosh, 1.21.28; 3, Kjus, 1.21.60; 4, Locher, 1.21.87. British: 24, M Bell, 1.32.12; 32, G Bell, 1.38.38

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: American zone: Group one: Mexico bt Canada, 4-1; Bahamas bt Chile, 3-2. Group two: Paraguay bt Dominican Republic, 3-2; Peru bt Colombia, 3-2; Puerto Rico bt Haiti, 5-0; Ecuador bt Venezuela, 4-1.

SAN FRANCISCO: Men's tournament: Final: A Agassi (US) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.

DUBAI: Open tournament: Finals: Men's singles: K Novacek (Cz Rep) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-4, 7-6.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men's fourth round: Puma Sunderland 3, Ashbrooke Sunderland 0; Toppsin Darlington 0, Tennis World Middlesbrough 3; Ilkley 2, Matchpoint Bramhall 1; Watchorn Alfreton 0, IFG Hallamshire Sheffield 3; Edgbaston Priory 2, Boston 1, Lincoln Indoor 0, Nottingham West Bridgford 3; Batchwood St Albans 3, Middlesex University 0; Clearview Brentwood 1, Puma Welwyn 2; Connaught Club 3, Roehampton 0; Walton Astro's 1, Edward Alleyn's Dulwich A, 2; Ealing 0, Royal Berkshire 3; Carlton 0, David Lloyd Hatton 3; Crawley 2, David Lloyd Eastbourne 1; Maidstone Fitness 3, Pavilion and Avenue Hove 0; Centrecourt Basingstoke 3, Kingsley Park A Punchers 0; Match Point Southampton 3, Alverstoke Gosport 0.

MILAN: Men's Indoor tournament: First round: W Masur (Aus) bt G Prpic (Cro), 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; W Ferreira (SA) bt C Pioline (Fr), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

YACHTING

McCRAE YC, Australia: Contender class world championship: Overall (with three races to sail): 1, B Watson (Aus), 6; 2, A Bonezzi (It), 15.7, 3, C Burrough (GB), 18.4, G Scott (GB), 27.7; 5, S Grimes (Aus), 27.7; 6, Leo van Dorp (Hol), 30.7.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

PSAMMIC
(b) Inhabiting areas of sand or gravel, from the Greek *psammos* sand: "The banks of rivers and lakes contain numerous psammic Rotifera." "*Psammic*, concerning communities on sand or gravel."

DGHAISA
(c) A boat resembling a gondola used in Malta, also *dgajsa* and *dhiassa*, from the Maltese: "A rainbow fleet of dghaisas propelled by oarsmen who stood to their work." "Wireless messages from Aunt Annabelle telling them to jump into a dghaisa and come ashore."

YPERITE
(a) Mustard gas, from Ypres, the name of the town in Belgium where the gas was first used, in 1917: "Dr Gerard C. Savoy, of Lausanne, has produced a preparation which is the most efficient known antidote to yperite." "Fifty per cent of the yperite present in the wound is destroyed after one hour."

JACOB'S LADDER
(a) An elevator consisting of a series of bucket-shaped receptacles fixed upon an endless chain, from the ladder seen by Jacob leading up to Heaven at *Genesis xxviii*: "The hops are raised to the boiler by a contrivance something like the buckets of a dredging-machine; it is called a Jacob's ladder." "The bloom is squeezed four times before it leaves the rolls and falls upon the Jacob's ladder."

SNOOKER

WEMBLEY: Benson and Hedges Masters: Second round: J Parrott (Eng) bt D Taylor (Ire), 5-4; S Davis (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 5-2.

SQUASH

RHODE ISLAND: Newport women's open championship: Final: S Horner (Eng) bt H Wallace (Canada), 1-9, 9-7, 9-0, 9-1.

BARNHAM BROOM: Ernst and Young English women's grand prix: Final: P Macrea (Essex) bt L Charmen (Sussex), 3-9, 9-7, 10-8, 9-2.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Solution: black's king was lured to its doom with 1 Qh5+! Kxh5 (1 ... Kg7 2 Qg6+ and 3 Rh1+) 2 Rh1+ Kg4 3 Bf3 mate.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Fourth round replay
Grimsby v Swansea

Premier League
Ipswich v QPR (7.45)
Sheffield Utd v Middlesbrough (7.45)
POSTPONED: Manchester City v Sheffield Wednesday.

Barclays League
First division
Birmingham v Millwall (8.0)
Luton v Brentford (7.45)
Portsmouth v Newcastle (all ticket, 7.45)
Sunderland v Oxford United (7.45)
West Ham v Peterborough (7.45)
POSTPONED: Grimsby v Tranmere

Second division
Rotherham v Hull
Stockport v Bolton (all ticket)
Port Vale v Hartlepool (7.45)
POSTPONED: Hartlepool v Wigan.

Autoglass Trophy
Area quarter-final
Exeter v Reading
West Bromwich v Torquay
Wigan v Scunthorpe
POSTPONED: Swansea v Leyton Orient.

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Kettering
Macclesfield v Boston
Telford v Bromsgrove (7.45)
Welling v Kidderminster

Drinkwise Cup
Quarter-final
Yeovil v Wycombe (7.45)

Scottish League
Premier division
Rangers v Falkirk
POSTPONED: Partick v Hibernian.

First division
Ayr v Morton
Stirling v Dunfermline

Second division
East Fife v Brechin
Queen's Park v Alloa

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Droylsden v Southport.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: VS Rugby v Dover.

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP (7.45) Second round: Ballyclare v Glenavon, Clitonville v Ballymena, Distillery v RUC; Glenavon v Carrick; Newry v Bangor; Omagh Town v Linfield, Portadown v Coleraine

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay v Conwy, League Cup: Preliminary round: Newtown v Holywell, Maesteg Park v Inter Cardiff

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton v Aston Villa (7.0). Second division: Postponed: Oldham v Hull.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Postponed: Bournemouth v Cheltenham

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Semi-final: Maltby MW v Pontefract Col.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CUP: First round: Newbury v Hampton, Tilbury v Kingsbury; Worthing v Harefield

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Floodlit Trophy: Bacup Borough v Darwen, Blackpool Rovers v Penrith, Eastwood Hanley v Nantwich, Salford C v Clitheroe: Bootle v St Helens.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley Conference Centre).

Jockey Club agrees to adopt new whip guidelines

By Our Racing Staff

A CONTROVERSIAL plan to reduce the use of the whip during races was yesterday given the go-ahead by the Jockey Club.

In future, jockeys may face an enquiry for striking a horse more than five times. At present the limit is ten.

The stewards of the Jockey Club endorsed the recommendations, made by the disciplinary committee, despite strong criticisms from jockeys when they were made public last month.

The Jockey Club's spokesman David Pipe stressed that the new guidelines did not necessarily mean a jockey would face the stewards for using his whip six times or more.

"The new figure is a trigger mechanism essentially to look at a jockey's riding," he said.

"It does not represent a finite number of hits allowed, and if the stewards are satisfied with the way the whip was used, no enquiry will be called."

Other recommendations to be endorsed were:

1: Training for inexperienced jockeys on the use of the whip.

2: The whip arm should be kept below shoulder height.

3: Using the whip down the shoulder with the whip in the forehand position is unacceptable, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

4: Reports to be submitted to the Jockey Club if a horse is wealed.

5: Further research should be carried out into the specifications and design of the whip, together with methods of assessing possible injury.

The changes in the whip guidelines, which come into effect on July 5, are the first in five years.

Pipe said: "There has been considerable improvement in the use of the whip in recent years, but there are still too many abuses which need to be stamped on."

He highlighted the case last Friday at Kelso when jockey Chris Hawkins was banned for six days after the winner, Roy's Dream, returned with six weal marks and was found to be bleeding.

When the recommendations were first announced, leading National Hunt jockey Richard Dunwoody claimed they would "ruin the game as we know it".

He added: "We realise public opinion has to be taken into account but it would cut out one of the major skills of jockeyship. We don't cause pain to horses and vets can't prove that we do."

The RSPCA has campaigned for further restrictions on the use of the whip in racing and insists that the latest guidelines do not go far enough.

□ Winning races is a hard enough without your jockey lodging an official objection to himself. But this seemed the bizarre policy of Tony Charlton after a desperate finish to the Bet With The Tote Handicap Hurdle at Fontwell yesterday.

Persuaded that Metal Oiseau had just lost out to Gallant Effort in a photo-finish, Charlton strode purposefully into the weighing room to object to "the winner", who had got very close on the run-in.

It's not as if things had gone particularly smoothly so far — Charlton had put up 4lb overweight and Metal Oiseau had proved most reluctant under pressure to rival the exertion of Gallant Effort.

But the photograph revealed his nose to have past the line first prompting his trainer, Stan Moore, to dash into the stewards' room to enquire after the fate of his £60 deposit.

Fortunately, the stewards charitably resisted the temptation to pocket the money on the grounds of the objection proving frivilous.

Captain Dolford struck upon a more conventional way of displaying his merits in the Chichester Novices' Hurdle.

His debut success, paying 162-1 on the Tote, astounded trainer Gardie Grissell — who wants to sell Captain Dolford, but had despaired finding a customer.

"He's never shown us anything at home, certainly never enough to sell to anybody," admitted the perplexed trainer.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TRAPRAIN LAW
(2.50 Carlisle)
Next best: River Pearl
(1.50 Carlisle)



Henderson: sidestepped Newbury with Flown

Strong support for Balasani

BACKERS yesterday declared their hand for Martin Pipe's Balasani in the £50,000-added Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle on Saturday.

The seven-year-old was heavily supported as 21 horses stood their ground for the Newbury race, traditionally one of the big betting mediums of the jumps season.

William Hill were forced to make the most drastic revision of his odds, cutting him seven points to 5-1 clear favourite.

The sponsors and Ladbrokes have Balasani sharing favouritism with Native Mission at 6-1 while Coral offer 11-2 about the same horses.

Balasani, set to carry ten stone, caught the eye on his seasonal debut at Sandown on Saturday when finishing a promising fourth behind Trainglot in the Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle.

Native Mission (9st 13lb) was fourth in The Ladbroke Hurdle last month after looking likely to win when in command at the last flight.

Both Balasani and Native Mission are favoured by the plan to run Ruling (12st), whose presence will prevent a weights rise.

His trainer, Fulke Johnson Houghton, had originally planned to steer clear of the race after the gelding trailed in a well-beaten third in the Agfa Hurdle on Saturday. But he now wants to give Ruling another race in the build-up to a crack at the Champion Hurdle.

The Irish are also likely to mount a powerful challenge, with The Ladbroke winner, Glencloud, and Bitofabanter expected to join the line-up.

A significant omission from the entries is Flown but Nicky Henderson considered the ground was too soft at Newbury and will instead run his Champion Hurdle hope at Wincanton on February 25.

Newbury entries

Avro Anson, Balasani, Bitofabanter, Flakey Dove, Galaxy High, Glencloud, Here He Comes, King Credo, Lift And Load, Miami Splash, Native Mission, Noble Insight, Oneupmanship, Qualitair Sound, Rodeo Star, Royal Derbi, Ruling, San Fernando, Seon, Tomahawk, Valfinet.

Sponsor's betting: 6-1 Balasani, Native Mission, 10-1 Bitofabanter, Flakey Dove, 11-1 Glencloud, Tomahawk, Valfinet, 12-1 Lift And Load, Rodeo Star, Royal Derbi, 14-1 King Credo, 20-1 others.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

1.30 Radical Views.
2.00 FOX CHAPEL (nap).
2.30 Coonawara.
3.00 Direct.
3.30 Spectacular Dawn.
4.00 Jopanini.
4.30 Golden Spinner.

Brian Beel: 1.30 Radical Views.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 FAIRFIELDS CONE.

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.30 AIR WEDDING HUNTER CHASE TROPHY
(Amateurs: £1,140: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 1FP326- BEE GARDEN 265 (B,C,D,G,S) (W Gowden) Mrs J Litston 12-12-2 ... Mrs J Litston (7) 96
2 4PP4/56- IM PRIVILAGED 344 (D Bloor) D Bloor 9-12-2 ... D Bloor (7) 86
3 P-1304F LIAMS PRIDE 116 (G,S) (P Riddick) P Riddick 10-12-2 ... J L Llewellyn (7) 69
4 2/F41U- MOOR SCOPE 286 (F,S) (J White) J White 11-12-2 ... A Farrant (5) 94
5 04/U41- RADICAL VIEWS 311 (D,S) (Mrs A Murray) Mrs A Murray 8-12-2 ... E Bailey (7) ⊕
6 U5/510P- RAIN MARK 329 (D,G,S) (M Chatterton) M Chatterton 12-12-2 ... C Bealby (5) 98
7 64U2F4- RYTON RUN 269 (W Odell) Mrs S Odell 8-12-2 ... J Trice-Rolph (7) 60
8 124/42- TREYFORD 304 (CD,F,G,S) (M Wareing) A Steel 13-12-2 ... A Steel (7) 97
9 GREEN WALK (M Pinto) M Pinto 6-11-11 ... C Burnett-Wells (5) –
10 13- PADRIGAL 281 (S) (J Cheatle) J Cheatle 10-11-11 ... A Sansome (7) 87

BETTING: 9-4 Radical Views, 5-1 Moor Scope, Treyford, 6-1 Padrigal, 8-1 Bee Garden, Rain Mark, 10-1 Ryton Run, 14-1 others.

1992: PASTORAL PRIDE 8-11-9 Miss P Curling (11-2) Miss Polly Curling 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEE GARDEN 4l 2nd of 6 to Cusheen Boy in a hunter chase at Hereford (2m 3l, good to firm). LIAMS PRIDE 32l 4th of 12 to Obelisk in a claiming chase at Southwell on penultimate start (2m, good). MOOR SCOPE beat Proverbial Luck in a 7-runner hunter chase at Towcester on penultimate start (3m 1l, good to soft). RADICAL VIEWS beat Breesemore 25l in a 9-runner hunter chase at Uttoxeter (2m 4l, good to soft). RAIN MARK beat Marsix 5l in an 11-runner hunter chase at Sandown last February (2m 4l 68yd, good), with BEE GARDEN fell 1st. RYTON RUN 33¾l 8th of 14 to Mountain Crash in a Cambridgeshire Harriers' ladies' open at Cottenham (good to soft). TREYFORD 1½l 2nd of 15 to Raise An Argument in a hunter chase at Stratford (2m 6l, good). PADRIGAL beat Final Spring 3l in a 7-runner hunter chase at Towcester on penultimate start (2m 5l 110yd, good).

Selection: RAIN MARK

2.00 GLOBE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,002: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 20514-0 STAGE PLAYER 10 (CD,F,G) (J Mustard) Miss S Wilton 7-12-0 ... T Eley (5) 86
2 110-060 FOX CHAPEL 11 (G) (K Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-2 ... D Byrne 90
3 322105 FAIRFIELDS CONE 3 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Holder) R Dickin 10-11-2 ... D Meredith (3) ⊕
4 5863-05 CREEAGER 11 (C,G,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 11-11-2 ... B Dalton (7) 84
5 40-F045 SOUND OF ISLAY 11 (G) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 8-11-1 ... C Llewellyn 98
6 43PPF6 MAGNUS PYM 8 (G,S) (R Standbridge) G Balding 8-11-0 ... A Maguire 89
7 2411P BEAUCHAMP EXPRESS 17 (S) (E Penser) O Sherwood 6-10-13 ... J Osborne 89
8 10/0361 CHICHELL'S HURST 15 (D,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 7-10-12 ... A Carroll 94
9 353231- FAR TOO LOUD 273 (G) (R Dennis) Mrs J Retter 6-10-5 ... M A Fitzgerald 91
10 00-6020 MARINERS SECRET 34 (D,BF) (M Davies) R Brazington 7-10-0 ... R Beggan 94

BETTING: 3-1 Chichell's Hurst, 4-1 Fox Chapel, 6-1 Beauchamp Express, 7-1 Sound Of Islay, 8-1 Mariners Secret, 10-1 Fairfields Cone, 12-1 Creeager, Far Too Loud, 16-1 others.

1992: JEASSU 9-10-12 A Maguire (8-1) A Wilson 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

FAIRFIELDS CONE 12l 5th of 15 to Traingiot in a grade III handicap hurdle at Sandown on Saturday (2m 6l, good to soft). CREEAGER 11¼l 5th of 14 to Our Slimbridge in a handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good), with FOX CHAPEL (1lb better off) 7½l 7th.

BEAUCHAMP EXPRESS pushed out, beat Kiwi Velocity 4l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Worcester on penultimate start (2m 5l 110yd, heavy). CHICHELL'S HURST beat Beowend 12l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4l 110yd, heavy).

FAR TOO LOUD 8l 3rd of 10 to Valfinet in a novice hurdle at Exeter on penultimate start (2m 1l, good). MARINERS SECRET 2l 2nd of 10 to Vado Via in a handicap hurdle at Nottingham on penultimate start (2m 5l 110yd, soft).

Selection: CREEAGER

2.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,197: 2m) (13 runners)

1 4-0111 COONAWARA 15 (D,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 7-11-10 ... C Llewellyn 98
2 1-0 FAIR PLUME 12 (D,F) (K Flood) Mrs A King 7-11-0 ... Mr N Bradley (7) –
3 P/P00-00 FELSPAR 94 (D Kacy Flint) P Hayward 7-11-0 ... N Williamson –
4 00 GRIFFINS BAR 25 (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 5-11-0 ... A Carroll –
5 P-5 LO-FLYING MISSILE 14 (B Clifford) R Dickin 5-11-0 ... D Meredith (3) –
6 223-262 LUMUMBA DAYS 12 (H Taylor) M Meade 7-11-0 ... J Railton 89
7 MASTER BOSTON (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 5-11-0 ... A Maguire –
8 D MY TOBIAS 97 (The Hon Mrs R Whetherly) A Turnell 6-11-0 ... I Lawrence –
9 20 OCEAN LEADER 60 (Sir Peter Gibbings) Mrs D Haine 6-11-0 ... G Bradley 80
10 360P- POSTMAN'S PATH 327 (Mrs A Reid Scott) T Forster 7-11-0 ... R Farrant (5) 77
11 F2 SPARKLING SUNSET 25 (R Shaw) N Henderson 5-11-0 ... R Dunwoody ⊕
12 00- WHISKY RYE 307 (J Morton) S Sherwood 6-11-0 ... G Upton –
13 0-250 PEDE GALE 45 (J Watt) J McConnochie 5-10-9 ... J Pullin (7) 69

BETTING: 13-8 Coonawara, 2-1 Sparkling Sunset, 7-1 Ocean Leader, 16-1 Fair Plume, Lumumba Days, 20-1 Pede Gale, Whisky Rye, 25-1 others.

1992: BIBENDUM 6-11-0 M Lynch (25-1) R Waley-Cohen 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

COONAWARA beat Handsome Ned 12l in a 7-runner novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). LO-FLYING MISSILE 34l 5th of 15 to Strath Royal in a novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft).

LUMUMBA DAYS 1½l 2nd of 20 to Night Wind in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft), with FAIR PLUME 33½l 11th. OCEAN LEADER ½l 2nd of 8 to Dancing Holly in a novice hurdle at Market Rasen on penultimate start (2m 3l 110yd, good). SPARKLING SUNSET 3½l dead-heat 2nd of 15 to Stonehead in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy).

Selection: COONAWARA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	37	128	28.9	P Scudamore	30	83	36.1
R Akehurst	10	44	22.7	N Mann	6	31	19.4
D Nicholson	16	88	18.2	W Marston	4	24	16.7
G Balding	9	60	15.0	R Dunwoody	20	123	16.3
N Henderson	5	42	11.9	D Gallagher	5	36	13.9
J Edwards	5	47	10.6	G Upton	4	35	11.4

3.00 GEORGE CONEY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,191: 3m 5f) (4 runners)

1 F2/1FUF DUNTREE 17 (BF,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 8-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 98
2 0313U2 PAMBER PRIORY 28 (G,S) (D Makins) T Thomson Jones 10-10-9 ... G Rowe 97
3 P-312F2 DIRECT 11 (S) (H Kaye) J Edwards 10-10-7 ... N Williamson ⊕
4 3-6P151 BERESFORDS GIRL 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 8-10-0 ... E Byrne 96

Long handicap: Beresfords Girl 9-11.

BETTING: 2-1 Direct, 9-4 Duntree, 3-1 Pamber Priory, 4-1 Beresfords Girl.

1992: DAVID'S DUKY 10-9-7 K Hartnett (25-1) A Reid 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUNTREE prominent when fell 17th in a 9-runner handicap chase won by Fiddlers Pike at Warwick (3m 5l, heavy). PAMBER PRIORY 8l 2nd of 15 to Mr Setaside in a handicap chase at Leicester (3m, good to soft). DIRECT 2½l 2nd of 8 to Pasjade in a handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2l, heavy). Previously, ½l 2nd of 10 to Bit Of A Clown in a handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1l, soft), with PAMBER PRIORY (same terms) 1l 3rd. BERESFORDS GIRL beat Mr Setaside ¾l in a 13-runner handicap chase at Leicester (3m, soft).

Selection: DIRECT

3.30 RYTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,473: 2m) (9 runners)

1 12214 BOOGIE BOPPER 8 (D,S) (Pond House Racing) M Pipe 11-5 ... P Scudamore 92
2 35210 GAVEKO 43 (B,D,G) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-5 ... D Byrne 95
3 684412 SUEZ CANAL 17 (CD,S) (Blue Diablo Associates) F Jordan 11-5 ... J Ledder 92
4 LINPAC EXPRESS 118F (Mrs J Robinson) P Dalton 10-12 ... N Mann –
5 RED SOMBRERO 54F (J Hall) R Brotherton 10-12 ... R Bellamy –
6 TURTLE BEACH 221F (Felstead Racing Club Ltd) C C Elsey 10-12 ... G Bradley –
7 2 MISS DOODY 78 (G Herridge) M Channon 10-7 ... Lorna Vincent ⊕
8 5 SPECTACULAR DAWN 31 (P Winfield) N Henderson 10-7 ... R Dunwoody 82
9 ZAMIRAH 106F (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 10-7 ... C Llewellyn –

BETTING: 5-2 Boogie Bopper, 3-1 Miss Doody, 7-2 Gaveko, 5-1 Spectacular Dawn, 7-1 Suez Canal, 20-1 Zamirah, 25-1 others.

1992: CADENCY 10-12 R Campbell (4-1) M Tompkins 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOOGIE BOPPER 28l 4th of 22 to Cultured in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). Previously, beat Major's Law 2l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f, soft). GAVEKO 15l 8th of 18 to Personal Hazard in a novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). Previously, beat Great Max 1l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m, good). SUEZ CANAL's best form was when beating Her Honour ¾l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). MISS DOODY 8l 2nd of 8 to Dare To Dream in a novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft). SPECTACULAR DAWN 25l 6th of 17 to Kadi in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m, soft).

Selection: GAVEKO (NAP)

4.00 PRINCETHORPE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,512: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 /145/2P COWDEN COTTAGE 39 (CD,G) (Dr D Chesney) D Chesney 9-11-5 ... A Maguire ⊕
2 /4103-F CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 7-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald –
3 22-4126 JOPANINI 88 (F,G,S) (N Bush) N Henderson 8-11-5 ... R Dunwoody –
4 10-46FP NEVADA GOLD 33 (G) (Meltsmord Ltd) F Yardley 7-11-5 ... D Gallagher 83
5 6/0504-2 WOODY WILL 15 (BF) (J South) O Sherwood 7-11-5 ... J Osborne 80

BETTING: 11-8 Jopanini, 2-1 Cowden Cottage, 4-1 Woody Will, 13-2 Crystal Heights, 20-1 Nevada Gold.

1992: ROUGH QUEST 6-11-11 G McCourt (9-2) T Etherington 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

COWDEN COTTAGE's best form was when 15l 2nd of 14 to Dalqoro Boy in a novice chase at Towcester (2m 6l, soft). CRYSTAL HEIGHTS fell 9th in a 13-runner novice chase at Wincanton won by Stasko (3m 1l, soft). Last season, 24l 3rd of 13 to Vagog in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good). JOPANINI best recent hurdling form was when beating Miami Splash 7l in a 9-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, heavy). WOODY WILL 8l 2nd of 4 to Shanaghey West in a novice chase at Lingfield (2m, heavy).

Selection: COWDEN COTTAGE

4.30 EBF STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,625: 2m) (23 runners)

1 1 GOLDEN SPINNER 36 (D,S) (Sir Peter Miller) N Henderson 6-12-0 ... Mr C Vigors (7) –
2 BUCKSKIN CLOVER (A Mackinnon) P Burgoyne 5-11-7 ... K Hartnett (7) –
3 DALEHOUSE LANE (G Fendon) R Woodhouse 5-11-7 ... S Mason (7) –
4 DOWRY SQUARE (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 5-11-7 ... Mr A Farrant (5) –
5 EMPEROR BUCK (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-7 ... W Marston (3) –
6 GIAND (J Galvanoei) R Rowe 5-11-7 ... L Dace (7) –
7 MARINERS MEMORY (R Cawthorn) R Brazington 5-11-7 ... D Meredith (3) –
8 02 MARROB 36 (R Lynch) R Akehurst 6-11-7 ... S Ryan (7) –
9 5 MASTER KIWI 39 (Mrs J Robshaw) M Pipe 6-11-7 ... D Richmond (5) –
10 2 PUKKA SAHIB 57 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-11-7 ... A Le Jeune (7) –
11 RASTA MAN (T Crawford Gray) W Musson 5-11-7 ... J O'Hara (7) –
12 ST BRAD (I Low) O Sherwood 5-11-7 ... Mr J Durkan –
13 TAKE CHANCES (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 5-11-7 ... D Leahy (5) –
14 ANNIE KELLY (Mrs R Hoare) J Wharton 5-11-2 ... B Dalton (7) –
15 BLACK H'PENNY (K Britton) J Old 5-11-2 ... Mr J Smyth-Osbourne –
16 MARINER'S AIR (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 6-11-2 ... Miss T Spearing (7) –
17 ANYTHINGYOULIKE (J Soles) C Smith 4-10-11 ... L Squire (7) –
18 D JET JOCKEY 26 (J McManamon) R Spicer 4-10-11 ... J Ryan (3) –
19 MAJOR NOVA (Gala Racing) N Smith 4-10-11 ... Mr N Bradley (7) –
20 3 OATS N BARLEY 39 (F Landrigan) P Rodford 4-10-11 ... T Thompson (7) –
21 SNOWSHILL SHAKER (A Knight) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-11 ... Mr M Harris (7) –
22 TEXAN BABY (C Sanderson) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-11 ... V Slattery (5) –
23 KEYLU (G Giddings) G Giddings 4-10-6 ... Mr G Lewis (7) –

BETTING: 2-1 Golden Spinner, 5-1 Pukka Sahib, 13-2 Marrob, 8-1 Master Kiwi, 10-1 Texan Baby, 12-1 others.

1992: SHEARMAC STEEL 5-11-2 R Greene (25-1) K Bridgwater 24 ran

Big festival entry in the pipeline

CHAMPION trainer Martin Pipe is poised to mount a formidable challenge for the major prizes at next month's Cheltenham festival.

Details of entries for the three-day highlight of the jumping calendar, which begins on March 16, were released yesterday. And Pipe may have a runner in all nine championship races.

Pipe's representation for Cheltenham numbers 39, with the biggest entry being eight in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle. He relies on Chatam, Run For Free and Rushing Wild in the quest for his first Gold Cup success. Granville Again, an unlucky faller last year, and Valfinet are his representatives in the Champion Hurdle.

The Irish entry has increased sharply with 114 pencilled in for the nine races, compared with 98 last year. They have a strong team in the Champion Hurdle, including the 1991 Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle winner, Destriero, and last year's Cesarewitch winner, Vintage Crop.

But the biggest name among the overseas entries is French-trained The Fellow, ante-post favourite for the Gold Cup. He will attempt to go one better in chasing's blue riband after short-head defeats in each of the last two years.

Total prize-money over the three days is £950,000 and for the first time there will be 20 races.



Pipe: 39 entries

Wall Game disappoints

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

AFTER an impressive winning performance in a Leicester hunter chase last year, Wall Game blundered his chance away in the Cheltenham Foxhunter Chase and subsequently fell at Ascot.

He has now moved north to the Zetland and reappeared in his first point-to-point for three seasons in the open race at the Old Raby meeting. None-too-fluent and one paced from two out, he was comprehensively beaten under his new rider, Chris Wilson, by Straight Pilot (Howard Brown).

Brown had earlier won the BMW qualifier on John Corbett and between these two successes his wife, Jeannie, landed the ladies with Ellerton Hill.

In the Thurlow ladies' race, owner-rider Alison Hickman and Maltby Boy got their revenge for a defeat by Mountain Crash at Parham last year.

Despite a bad mistake by Sneakapenny two fences out in the open, he still had 20 lengths to spare over Good Waters at the post.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

1.50 Morgans Harbour. 2.20 Nortino. 2.50 Traprain Law. 3.20 Ninfa. 3.50 Circulation. 4.20 Hot Star.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.50 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,554: 3m) (14 runners)

1 -1F5 CAROUSEL CALYPSO 13 (D,G,S) M Hammond 7-11-3 ... P Niven
2 -144 MAN'S BEST FRIEND 22 (S) T Tate 6-11-3 ... G McCourt
3 -061 ROY'S DREAM 4 (F,G) S Leadbetter 10-11-3 ... C Hawkins
4 P3P1 TAMMY MY GIRL 24 (S) P Beaumont 10-10-12 ... Mrs A Farrell
5 -243 ANDROS PRINCE 90 (S) M W Easterby 8-10-10 ... R Garritty
6 5033- BENGHAZI 323 A Thomson 9-10-10 ... A Orkney
7 /06/ FORTH AND TAY 1022 Mrs S Bradburne 11-10-10 P Williams (7)
8 3326 ISLAND GALE 10 D McCune 8-10-10 ... P Waggott (7)
9 4352 LAST OF THE FLIES 18 A Mactaggart 12-10-10 Mr D Mactaggart
10 P-2U MORGANS HARBOUR 22 (BF) K Burke 7-10-10 ... C Grant
11 PF55 MOSS BEE 19 W Reed 6-10-10 ... T Reed
12 50F2 POLAR REGION 13 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-10 ... M Dwyer
13 3P54 RAIKES RUSTLER 52 J Hugill 9-10-10 ... A Merrigan
14 F242 RIVER PEARL 10 (G,S) G Richards 8-10-5 ... B Storey

3-1 Polar Region, 4-1 River Pearl, 5-1 Andros Prince, Man's Best Friend, 6-1 Morgans Harbour, 8-1 Tammy My Girl, 10-1 Roy's Dream, 12-1 others.

2.20 WETHERAL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,800: 2m 1f) (14)

1 31-5 AL SAHIL 8 (B,G) J White 8-11-10 ... B Clifford (3)
2 1000 NORTINO 10 (CD,S) J Charlton 5-11-9 ... B Storey
3 3-P0 INVITE D'HONNEUR 11 (G) C Broad 11-11-6 ... Jacqui Oliver
4 5200 REKLAW 22F S Chadwick 6-11-0 ... Miss J Thurlow
5 5-00 DESIGN WISE 13 (B,F,G) R Earnshaw 9-10-12 ... R Hodge
6 2000 SOLITARY REAPER 13 (CD,F) C Beever 8-10-11 ... N Bentley (3)
7 326 AUGUST 7 (F) J Fort 12-10-10 ... P Waggott (7)
8 64U8 DINSDALE LAD 10 M Barnes 7-10-9 ... C Grant
9 1-04 COMMANCHE SIOUX 6 (V,S) K Morgan 5-10-8 ... G McCourt
10 4150 HILLTOWN BLUES 25 (G) T Dyer 4-10-5 ... A Linton (7)
11 F-5P MUTARID 5 (F) K Morgan 8-10-4 ... A S Smith
12 -000 KAMART 22 M Barnes 5-10-3 ... L O'Hara
13 0306 SHAHMIRAJ 13 P Cheesbrough 5-10-1 ... A Lamach (5)
14 606U TOUCH 'N' PASS 13 R O'Leary 5-10-0 ... P Harley

9-2 Al Sahil, 5-1 Commanche Sioux, 6-1 Invite D'Honneur, Shahmiraj, 7-1 Design Wise, Nortino, 8-1 Solitary Reaper, 10-1 Hilltown Blues, 14-1 others.

2.50 STANWIX HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,957: 3m) (16)

1 24F0 TRUSTY FRIEND 52 (V,C,D,G,S) J Edwards 11-11-10 G McCourt
2 11FP BOREEN OWEN 22 (CD,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-11-8 James Jones (3)
3 2644 RADICAL LADY 31 (C,D,F,G,S) G Moore 9-11-8 ... M Dwyer
4 -PPF MANHATTAN CHASE 92 (D,S) G Richards 10-11-7 J Murphy (7)
5 03P1 FOLK DANCE 19 (V,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-3 ... N Doughty
6 P344 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 22 (C,S) C Parker 9-10-13 ... B Storey
7 P3-P ROYAL MILE 14 (D,F,G) P Cheesbrough 8-10-8 ... K Johnson
8 F133 TRAPRAIN LAW 19 (D,G,S) W Reed 10-10-8 ... T Reed
9 -P35 ABERCROMBY CHIEF 4 (D,S) J Oliver 8-10-8 ... A Orkney
10 -354 CAROUSEL ROCKET 18 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 10-10-3 P Niven
11 -22U BUCKLE IT UP 66 (D,S) A Mactaggart 8-10-3 . Mr D Mactaggart
12 2P50 ABSAILOR 5 (D,F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-1 ... P Williams (7)
13 -143 TRIBAL RULER 77 (D,F,G) D McCain 8-10-0 ... C Grant
14 P-2P SUPER FOUNTAIN 22 (CD,S) F Walton 10-10-0 ... R Hodge
15 0PF4 FAST CRUISE 52 (D,G,S) E Owen 8-10-0 ... A Lamach (5)
16 6U00 ALICE'S BOY 15 (C,S) A Jones 12-10-0 ... B Clifford (3)
17 5540 MAJIC RAIN 24 (D,G) G Coatsworth 8-10-0 ... A Merrigan
18 06-6 EDDIES WELL 59 (F,S) Miss Z Green 10-10-0 ... Mr T Morrison

4-1 Traprain Law, 5-1 Radical Lady, 6-1 Carousel Rocket, Folk Dance, 8-1 Trusty Friend, 10-1 Buckle It Up, Kambalda Rambler, 12-1 Fast Cruise, 14-1 others.

3.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,010: 2m 1f) (15)

1 5210 SPANISH FAIR 87 (F) P Cheesbrough 5-11-5 ... C Grant
2 -3P5 CAITHNESS PRINCE 38 C Parker 7-11-0 ... Mr D Parker (7)
3 2130 HERE COMES TIBBY 22 (S) W Reed 6-11-0 ... T Reed
4 -P00 HONEST FRED 26 J Edwards 7-11-0 ... M Dwyer
5 P-0 ORTON HOUSE 18 J Charlton 6-11-0 ... P Niven
6 2-5 PAKENHAM 83 G Richards 7-11-0 ... N Doughty
7 IMBONNAWIN S Payne 5-10-9 ... G McCourt
8 P0-P JOYFUL IMP 78 J Dixon 6-10-9 ... L O'Hara
9 MINTY MUNCHER N Mason 5-10-9 ... J Supple (7)
10 446 NINFA 22 G Richards 5-10-9 ... M Moloney
11 0-00 OCEAN ROSE 13 Mrs B Butterworth 6-10-9 ... James Jones (3)
12 0502 SARONA SMITH 13 F Walton 6-10-9 ... B Storey
13 P0 SCARLET BERRY 13 R Brewis 5-10-9 ... G Harker
14 P000 SOUND PROFIT 4 W Young 5-10-9 ... P Williams (7)
15 000P THOR STONE 28 E Owen 5-10-9 ... A Lamach (5)

2-1 Pakenham, 9-4 Spanish Fair, 7-2 Ninfa, 6-1 Sarona Smith, 10-1 Here Comes Tibby, 14-1 Caithness Prince, 16-1 Orton House, 25-1 others.

3.50 KINGMOOR HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,762: 2m) (10)

1 1222 SPREE CROSS 13 (CD,BF,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-12-0 ... K Johnson
2 P-65 STRONG APPROACH 84 (G) J Charlton 8-11-13 ... B Storey
3 1P50 ANY GOSSIP 7 (D,G) J J O'Neill 10-11-9 ... M Dwyer
4 2-FF STAGS FELL 7 (B,C,F,G) G Moore 8-11-5 ... J Callaghan
5 4334 CIRCULATION 17 (D,G) D McCain 7-11-2 ... C Grant
6 22P/ SHADY ROAD 679 (G,S) G Richards 11-11-2 ... N Doughty
7 /134 YAHEEB 24 (C,BF,G,S) M W Easterby 9-10-13 ... G McCourt
8 3454 ON THE HOOCH 19 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-8 ... P Williams (7)
9 1303 POSITIVE ACTION 17 (D,BF,F,S) M Barnes 7-10-4 ... L O'Hara
10 -042 GREAT POKEY 17 (D,F) A Comer 8-10-0 ... A Orkney

11-4 Yaheeb, 3-1 Spree Cross, 9-2 Positive Action, 6-1 Stags Fell, 8-1 Circulation, Great Pokey, 10-1 On The Hooch, 12-1 others.

4.20 HETHERSGILL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,066: 3m 110yd) (15)

1 4-43 FESTIVAL FANCY 13 (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 . D Ryan (5)
2 F-0 LATOUR 7 Mrs A Swinbank 5-12-0 ... Mark Roberts (5)
3 2211 TINDARI 25 (D,G) J Jefferson 5-11-11 ... G Tormey (5)
4 -445 HOT STAR 31 (B) G Moore 7-11-0 ... N Bentley
5 1105 BALLYLORD 22 (G,S) J J O'Neill 9-11-0 ... James Jones
6 5105 CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 25 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-10-13 ... D J Moffatt
7 3451 HARDIHERO 53 (F,S) G White 7-10-11 ... P Waggott
8 4221 KING OF STEEL 17 (S) M Hammond 7-10-9 ... D Bentley
9 /P1P BEYOND REASON 61 (CD,S) G Richards 7-10-2 . B Harding (3)
10 2320 JUSTICE LEA 80 (CD,F) T Cuthbert 13-10-1 .. Carol Cuthbert (5)
11 3P60 PALANQUIN 77 (B,D,F,S) W Reed 11-10-0 ... N Leach
12 2044 GYMCRAK GAMBLE 11 (F) T Dyer 5-10-0 ... A Linton (7)
13 0004 TREBONKERS 25 (D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-0 ... F Perratt (5)
14 3-0P HOME TO ROOST 63 (CD,G,S) F Jestin 13-10-0 ... D Barry (5)
15 306P PRIOR CONVICTION 7 G Moore 4-10-0 ... N Stocks (5)

7-2 Hardihero, 5-1 King Of Steel, Hot Star, 6-1 Tindari, 8-1 Festival Fancy, 10-1 Beyond Reason, Gymcrak Gamble, Justice Lea, 12-1 Ballylord, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Goodfellow, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; J Edwards, 8 from 26, 30.8%; C Beever, 5 from 17, 29.4%; S Chadwick, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D McCain, 7 from 32, 21.9%; T Tate, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; G McCourt, 5 from 16, 31.3%; N Doughty, 24 from 84, 28.6%; P Niven, 22 from 90, 24.4%; D Bentley, 5 from 25, 20.0%; M Dwyer, 14 from 75, 18.7%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 Lyn's Return. 2.10 Key Dear. 2.40 Major Kinsman. 3.10 Keen Vision. 3.40 Donoeti. 4.10 Raba Riva. 4.40 Harry The Cab.

GOING: CHASE COURSE, SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES); HURDLES, STANDARD SIS

1.40 FORSYTHIA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(All-weather: 4-Y-O: £1,631: 2m) (6 runners)

1 1 LYN'S RETURN 10F (CD) R Simpson 11-4 ... D Gallagher
2 P DOCTOR BRIGGS 101 Mrs J Jordan 10-12 ... M Sharratt
3 00 FAIRSPEAR 14 (B) J White 10-12 ... A Webb
4 P034 IMA RED NECK 8 J Moore 10-12 ... W McFarland
5 000 LORD NEPTUNE 8F (B) J Jenkins 10-12 ... M Perrett
6 P LAMORE RITORNA 10F K Cunningham-Brown 10-7 ... D O'Sullivan (3)

4-5 Lyn's Return, 7-4 Ima Redneck, 5-1 Fairspear, 10-1 others.

2.10 BUDDLEIA SELLING HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,704: 2m 2f) (9)

1 -260 GLENGOOLE 19 (F) B Smart 10-11-10 ... D Bridgwater
2 0P CHINA SKY 6 R Stronge 5-11-4 ... L Harvey
3 P106 KEY DEAR 14 (B,F) P Nicholls 6-11-4 ... M Hourigan (3)
4 352F PASSO ALL'ERTA 28 (S) D Deacon 10-11-4 ... D Salter (7)
5 5P04 SMOKEBRIDGE GRAS 8 W G M Turner 6-11-4 ... P Holley
6 0 MARDIOR 17F (B) W Wightman 5-10-13 ... M Richards
7 P104 CHARMONIX 11 (G) J Joseph 4-10-9 ... D Skyrme
8 25P4 CHEEKA 14 (V) C Smith 4-10-8 ... M Ranger
9 6024 ROYAL CIRCUS 14 P Hiatt 4-10-8 ... D J Burchell

11-4 Royal Circus, 3-1 Key Dear, 5-1 Cheeka, Passo All'erta, 7-1 others.

2.40 PRIMROSE HANDICAP CHASE
(Turf: £2,708: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 0164 MAD CASANOVA 8 (B,CD,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-11-10 M Richards
2 4111 MAJOR KINSMAN 13 (CD,G,S) R Lee 8-11-9 ... D Tegg
3 3-34 SKINNHILL 12 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 9-11-1 ... S Smith Eccles
4 P100 BOWL OF OATS 20 (B,D,S) A Turnell 7-10-10 ... S McNeill

10-11 Major Kinsman, 5-2 Skinnhill, 4-1 Mad Casanova, 10-1 Bowl Of Oats.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Benstead, 8 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%; Mrs J Pitman, 6 from 16, 37.5%; T Thomson Jones, 10 from 28, 35.7%; Miss B Sanders, 23 from 69, 33.3%; J White, 11 from 47, 23.4%; J Jenkins, 17 from 77, 22.1%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 9 winners from 27 rides, 33.3%; M Perrett, 5 from 18, 27.8%; D J Burchell, 4 from 15, 26.7%; R Greene, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Railton, 3 from 16, 18.8%; A Webb, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

3.10 CLEMATIS HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,876: 2m 4f) (10)

1 6641 ALREEF 19 (C,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-11 ... S Smith Eccles
2 1421 ABSENT RELATIVE 7 (CD,G) Miss B Sanders 5-11-9 (6ex) ... M Richards
3 -600 RUN TO FORM 28 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-5 ... M Pitman
4 5-12 KEEN VISION 13 (C,BF,G) D Arbuthnot 5-11-3 ... Peter Hobbs
5 -UP4 FROSTY RECEPTION 117 (B,F) R Baker 8-10-11 ... L Harvey
6 -031 SING THE BLUES 14 (CD) C Benstead 9-10-6 ... M Perrett
7 P200 CHAMPAGNE RUN 32 (F,G) W G M Turner 8-10-1 ... P Holley
8 45P4 WESSEX WARRIOR 19 (F) D Laing 7-10-0 ... B de Haan
9 540- STAR OF KUWAIT 277 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 9-10-0 ... D O'Sullivan (3)
10 -003 JARRWAH 7 (CD) J Spearing 5-10-0 ... A Webb

5-2 Keen Vision, 3-1 Absent Relative, 4-1 Sing The Blues, 6-1 Wessex Warrior, 8-1 Alreef, 10-1 Champagne Run, 14-1 others.

3.40 JAPONICA HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,625: 2m) (3)

1 /0P1 DONOSTI 14 (CD,F,G) R Lee 9-11-10 ... R Greene (3)
2 411- FACT OR FICTION 369 (C) Miss B Sanders 7-11-9 ... J Halls (7)
3 0222 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 14 (D,BF,G,S) G Charles-Jones 5-10-10 ... D Meade (7)

6-4 Donosti, 2-1 Whippers Delight, 5-2 Fact Or Fiction.

4.10 COTONEASTER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,719: 2m 6f) (11)

1 0211 RABA RIBA 7 (CD) J Spearing 8-12-7 (7ex) ... M Perrett
2 0512 SHIMMERING SCARLET 19 (C,BF) R Buckler 5-10-13 ... Peter Hobbs
3 4-P5 LEGAL LEGACY 19 Mrs F White 5-10-7 ... M Hourigan (3)
4 P053 CHEAP METAL 14 (B,F) R Ingram 8-10-3 ... W Humphreys
5 P026 THE PRUSSIAN 7 K Wingrove 7-10-0 ... R Greene (3)
6 0-P3 BERYL'S JOKE 14 (B) R Baker 9-10-0 ... A Webb
7 FPP3 SPARTAN DREAM 19 M Usher 6-10-0 ... J McCarthy (7)
8 008 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 13 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 ... I Shoemark
9 -U65 LITTLEDALE 14 M Wilkinson 7-10-0 ... P Ward (7)
10 0004 WICKFIELD LAD 7 D Deacon 10-10-0 ... D Salter (7)
11 PU00 SEMINOLE PRINCESS 19 C Jones 5-10-0 ... M Bosley

5-2 Shimmering Scarlet, 11-4 Raba Riba, 3-1 Cheap Metal, 8-1 The Prussian, 10-1 Wickfield Lad, 12-1 Trendy Auctioneer, 14-1 others.

4.40 WISTERIA NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(All-weather: £1,534: 1m 5f) (8)

1 D KARUBA 7 R Flower 5-11-5 ... D Forti (7)
2 MERLIN ROCKET R Callow 5-11-5 ... M Hourigan (3)
3 3 HALL END LADY 28 J White 5-11-0 ... K Comerford (7)
4 BELL ONE A Dunn 4-10-10 ... Miss A Dare
5 2 HARRY THE CAB 28 Dr J Scargill 4-10-10 ... J Driscoll (7)
6 STRONG TRACE S Mellor 4-10-10 ... Mrs Elain Mellor
7 R YELMAR SYSTEMS 7 K Ivory 4-10-10 ... D Salter (7)
8 WILLIE BUDGET A Blackmore 4-10-10 ... S Curran (7)

Evens Harry The Cab, 7-4 Hall End Lady, 8-1 Karuba, 10-1 Strong Trace, 14-1 Willie Budget, 16-1 others.

No clues to Morley Street

THE connections of Morley Street were yesterday still baffled by his poor performance at Sandown on Saturday.

An examination on the Toby Balding-trained gelding has not pinpointed any reason for his run in the Agfa Hurdle when he was almost pulled up.

Serena Geake, Balding's daughter, said: "The vet scoped Morley Street and did blood and heart tests and could find nothing wrong. At the moment we just haven't a clue what the problem is. But we may discover more when he is cantered and scoped later in the week."

The 1991 champion hurdler has been deleted from the betting for this year's race, but Mrs Geake said: "We'll wait and see whether to run him at Cheltenham, there's no hurry yet."

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Fontwell Park

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

2.00 (2m 2f ch) 1, THATCHER ROCK (R Greene, 8-13 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Commanchero (T Thompson, 33-1); 3, Hello Grandad (M Berry, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Master Comedy (4th), 6 City Kid (f). 5 ran. NR: Ryco. 6l, 20l, 7l. P Nicholls at Shepton Mallet. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £4.50. DF: £7.30. CSF: £12.46.

2.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, KING OF NORMANDY (A Maguire, Evens fav); 2, Court Room (G Moore, 9-4); 3, Rich Heiress (J Clarke, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Lamaestre (ur), 33 Fistenna (ur). 5 ran. 3l, 30l. J Ffitch-Heyes at Lewes. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.56. No bid.

3.00 (2m 3f ch) 1, DAGOBERTIN (P Scudamore, 4-5 fav); 2, Woodlands Boy (A Maguire, 5-1); 3, Hamper (A Tory, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 La Cienaga (ref to race), 20 Can't Disclose (ur), 25 Don't Yer Know (pu), 33 Black Horse Lad (ref), Staywithme (f), 50 Ashmae (pu), Flying Finish (4th), Hazzard's Boy (5th). 11 ran. 30l, 7l, 30l, 25l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.10, £6.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.14.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, METAL OISEAU (A Charlton, 7-2); 2, Gallant Effort (W McFarland, 7-2); 3, Howaryadoon (H Davies, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Yellow Spring (6th), 7 Kings Rank (4th), 14 Enborne Lad, 16 Ask Moss, 20 Manhattan Boy (5th), 100 Lastbas. 9 ran. Sh hd, 6l, 2l, 4l, 6l. J Moore at Andover. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £9.20. CSF: £16.08. Tricast: £30.87. After a stewards' enquiry result stood.

4.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, GOLD CAP (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Smooth Escort (E Murphy, 11-2); 3, Ghofar (H Davies, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Boraceva (4th), 7-2 Paco's Boy (pu), 20 Camden Belle (pu), 33 Pukka Major (5th). 7 ran. 6l, 2l, 2½l, 30l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £4.50; £3.20, £2.70. DF: £7.50. CSF: £23.25.

4.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, CAPTAIN DOLFORD (J Railton, 50-1); 2, Mohana (P Scudamore, 3-10 fav); 3, Sure Pride (G Moore, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8 St Athans Lad, 9 Electric Buck (4th), 12 Tip Top Lad, 16 West Bay (5th), 20 Julios Genius (6th), 33 Alamir (pu), 50 Certain Look (pu), Just Like Trigger (pu), Mansfield House (pu), Jebali, Full Of Tricks. 14 ran. 2l, ¾l, nk, ¾l, nk. D Grissell at Robertsbridge. Tote: £163.70; £17.50, £1.20, £5.30. DF: £45.10. CSF: £69.69.

Placepot: £6.50.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.50 (6f) 1, Sally's Son (Emma O'Gorman, 13-2); 2, Quatre Femme (2-1 fav); 3, Grand Time (4-1). 14 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £20.03.

2.20 (1m 4f) 1, Horizon (D Biggs, 8-13 fav); 2, Sugemar (11-1); 3, Island Blade (9-1). 10 ran. 1½l, nk. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £2.50, £1.50. DF: £6.00. CSF: £8.48. Tricast: £34.00.

2.50 (7f) 1, Pine Ridge Lad (Dean McKeown, 9-4); 2, Jordywrath (10-1); 3, Rose Flyer (9-1). Kingston Brown 7-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Nikki Noo Noo. 1½l, 2½l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £11.10. CSF: £20.47.

3.20 (7f) 1, Lock Keeper (J Quinn, 4-6 fav); 2, Pop To Stans (3-1); 3, The Cuckoo's Nest (7-1). 4 ran. NR: Prime Mover. 3l, nk. C Hill. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.23.

3.50 (6f) 1, Always Baileys (Dean McKeown, 11-8 fav); 2, Hershebar (8-1); 3, Burble (25-1). 11 ran. 1l, 3l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.80, £6.50. DF: £11.80. CSF: £11.01.

4.20 (1m) 1, Sirtelimar (J McLaughlin, 8-1); 2, Mentalasanythin (5-2 fav); 3, Comeskey Park (25-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 4l. R Spicer. Tote: £8.40; £3.90, £1.70, £7.40. DF: £16.60. CSF: £20.84. Tricast: £332.30.

Placepot: £26.20.

Wolverhampton

Going: good to soft

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Rainham (G McCourt, 4-5 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Percy Smollett (25-1); 3, Gordon Pasha (16-1). 9 ran. 12l, 3½l. D McCain. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.30, £2.70. DF: £17.10. CSF: £19.19.

2.40 (3m 1f ch) 1, Catchapenny (S J O'Neill, 8-1); 2, Native Scot (12-1); 3, Win Electric (33-1). South Harvest 9-4 fav (pu). 14 ran. 20l, 20l. M Wilkinson. Tote: £9.10; £3.00, £4.60, £7.70. DF: £205.60. CSF: £91.99.

3.10 (2m ch) 1, Shamana (R Dunwoody, 13-8 jt-fav); 2, Bel Course (4-1); 3, Island Jetsetter (10-1). Dr Rocket 13-8 jt-fav (f). 5 ran. 6l, 3½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.20; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £5.50. CSF: £7.82.

3.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, James The First (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2 fav); 2, First Division (10-1); 3, High Grade (13-2). 12 ran. 6l, 7l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £4.90, £2.10. DF: £26.40. CSF: £36.88. Tricast: £201.74.

4.10 (2m ch) 1, Viking Flagship (R Dunwoody, 1-2 fav); 2, Dis Train (9-1); 3, Shu Fly (2-1). 7 ran. 5l, 15l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.73.

4.40 (3m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Wadeley (Mr T Jenks, 12-1); 2, Maleagris (6-1); 3, Just A Second (8-1). Ask For More 13-8 fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 15l. J Edwards. Tote: £15.20; £2.80, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £86.10. CSF: £76.77.

Placepot: £118.10.

□ Romany King, 12-1 favourite for the Grand National, begins his Aintree preparation in the Harwell Handicap Chase at Newbury on Saturday. He will be ridden for the first time by Adrian Maguire, replacing regular jockey Richard Guest, who broke a leg in November.

Prince Ferdinand is sold

ROYAL Ascot winner Prince Ferdinand and the 1991 Derby favourite, Corrupt, have been sold and leave Britain today for California.

Prince Ferdinand, the star of Mattie McCormack's Wantage stable, had his finest hour in the Jersey Stakes, and was a consistent performer in group company. "He was sold for a price that couldn't be refused, but I'm not saying how much," McCormack said.

Corrupt won the Lingfield Derby Trial for Neville Callaghan, and landed a group three event at Deauville last year when transferred to Peter Chapple-Hyam.

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Athletics hit by renewed power struggle

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

THE seriousness of the power split in British athletics grew more apparent yesterday when John Lister, one of three adminstrators censured by the British Athletic Federation (BAF) on Sunday, said he had no regrets over his actions and warned that the sport's development in Britain was in danger of being strangled.

Lister, the BAF treasurer, has played an influential part in turning near bankruptcy seven years ago into a £7.5-million a year turnover. But the BAF council reprimanded him, together with Peter Radford, the vice-chairman, and David Bedford, the secretary, for their part in a clandestine move to oust their chief executive, Malcolm Jones.

None was invited to the press conference that announced their censure and the council's "serious concern" over procedures that led to a BAF management board vote of no confidence in Jones. The board is keeping confidential its reasons for the no confidence vote.

Lister said yesterday that the two officials presented by the BAF to the press on Sunday — Arthur McAllister, the president, and Bill Evans, the



Bedford: reprimanded

chairman — were behind an attempt to remove the censured three from the board. "The president is the ringleader," Lister said. "I have nothing but contempt for the way he has operated."

According to Lister, McAllister has canvassed for officials to stand against all three at the BAF annual meeting on March 20 and the vote against Jones, taken without the presence of the professional officers, unconstitutionally it has been said, has provided McAllister with ammunition.

Lister views the McAllister-led movement as a misguided attempt to return to amateur values. Jones's future has become a side-issue in the power fight.

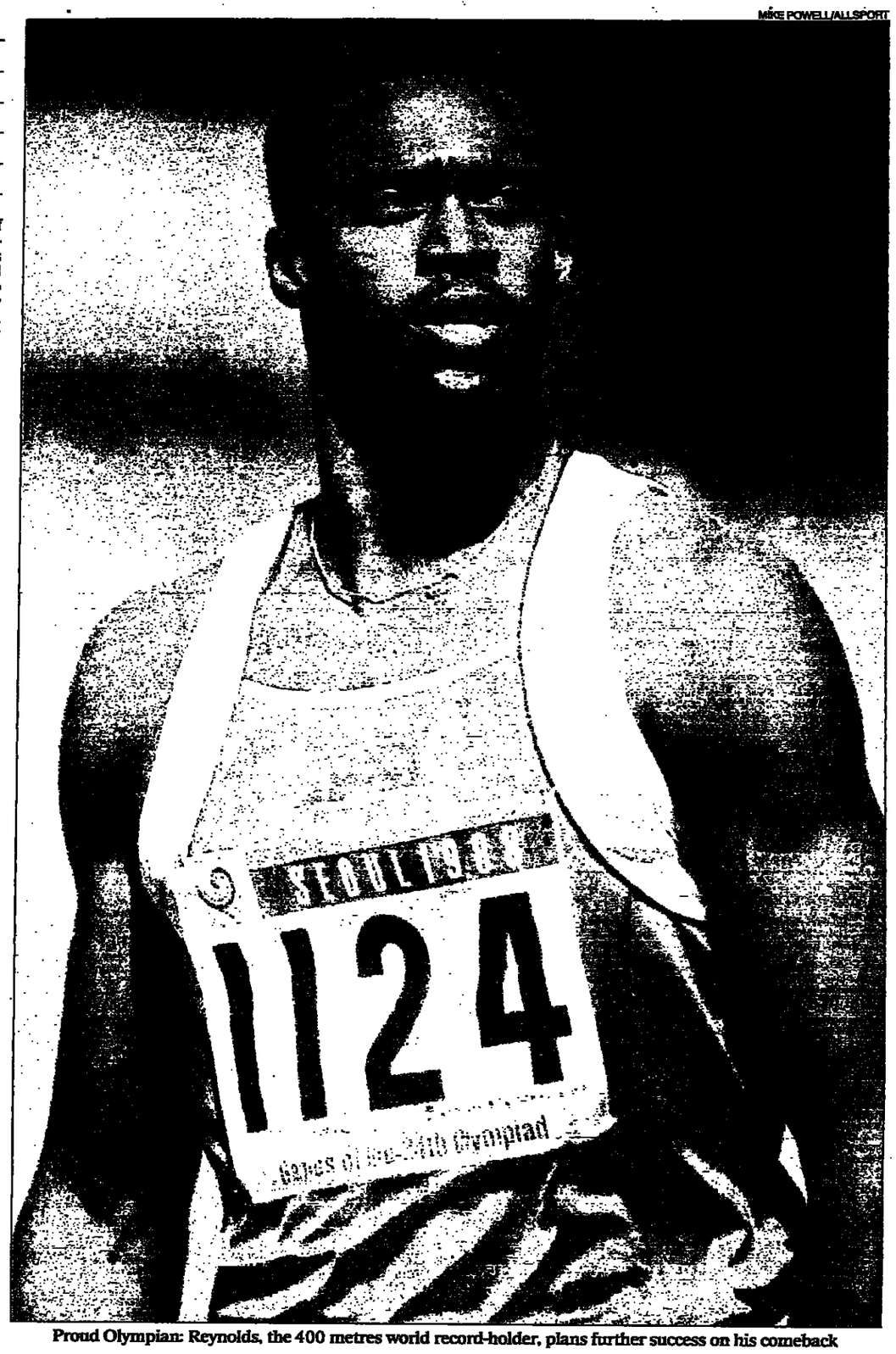
"What is at issue is the future of the sport," Lister said. "A business of our size needs a top-notch professional management. I think the majority [on the council] are finding it difficult to come to terms with the new world."

He questioned whether a new management would maintain the sport's success-rate. "I doubt whether it will be prepared to make the changes necessary to achieve the dynamic progress that the sport needs to take it forward, so we will stagnate," Lister said.

Butch Reynolds: cheat or martyr ?

Simon Barnes talks to the holder of the 400m world record who is determined to clear his name of drugs allegations

MIKE POWELL/ALLSPORT



Proud Olympian: Reynolds, the 400 metres world record-holder, plans further success on his comeback

Will nobody rid me of this turbulent athlete? The weekend's events in New York make bad reading for the people who wield power in sport. They knew Butch would never shut up. Now they know he is not not going to stop running. The horrifying fact for the International Amateur (hah!) Athletic Federation (IAAF) is that Butch Reynolds is still a world-class athlete.

He demonstrated that in precisely 47.16sec of hard running (two-and-a-half times around the steeply banked bends of the temporary track erected in Madison Square Garden for the annual Millrose Games. The crazy dog-track oval and acute banking hamper a tall, big-striding man but Reynolds has got used to working against the odds. He muscled his way to a victory in the 400 metres that nobody quite expected: "Way to go, Butch!"

On a less demanding track in Fairfax, Virginia, on Sunday, Reynolds won another 400 metres in 45.89sec and promised further improvement. "I'm a lot out of sync," he said. "I'm not into that smooth, graceful stride. I've been trying very hard the last two-and-a-half years to control my hatred and anger. I trained very hard ... to stay focused on the future."

New York already sees him as a martyr. It is possible that the world will follow. Primo Nebiolo, the much-criticised but ever-more-powerful president of the IAAF, must be dreading the thought. At every big meeting this year, through to the world championships in Stuttgart, he could be filling stadiums with crowds yelling for Butch. For Butch the martyr; Butch, persecuted by the IAAF; Butch, victim of the power-plays of big-time sport.

At every post-victory press conference, Reynolds will speak out once again. He has been banned from athletics since August 1990 but he has kept his body free of rust. He is now 28 but his time, on that dreadfully difficult track, was immensely solid. He said he now "expects" to win the gold medal in the world indoor championships in Toronto next month.

The more big races he wins, the more chance he will have to say his piece. Victory gives him a stage. And rest assured, Reynolds is not going to miss a single opportunity.

Oddly enough, he does not really like all this speaking. It is not really his thing. He is not a natural talker like Ali, not a media smoothie like Carl Lewis. He is not a courter of controversy. He is not really a contentious man.

He just has something to say. He believes it is important. He will go on and on saying it: every time he runs, every time he wins. This weekend, in New York, was just the start. The Reynolds message goes like this: "I am innocent. I am innocent. I am innocent."

He has been saying this unwaveringly for two-and-a-half years. The only thing that has changed is the size of the issue. "It has got bigger than Butch Reynolds against the IAAF. It is now a question of athletes' rights — the rights of all the athletes in the world."

Reynolds tested positive for steroids in August 1990. Groan. He has denied this. Groan. Don't they all? This is surely the Mandy Rice-Davis principle in full swing. From Ben Johnson down, they all deny it. "Somebody must have spiked my drink." "There must be something wrong with the test." And on, and on.

There is a sense in which sport *needs* to believe in the infallibility of the testing procedure, rather as some people need to believe in the the infallibility of the Pope. Athletics would be impossible without such a belief.

There is also a worldwide feeling of contempt for the doped athlete. If he can take *that stuff*, he forfeits the right to be taken seriously. He is not to be believed or trusted. When a doped athlete says "I am innocent", the world curls its lip in contempt. He would say that, wouldn't he?

Reynolds was saying all that and more. We met the day before the Millrose Games. He was camping out in a hotel room 43 floors above Broadway. As he spoke, he was fitting spikes to new running shoes, bed covered with little bits of green plastic. Every so often he lifted his gaze from this task to fix me with his incongruously green eyes. A massage table was folded up in the corner. Reynolds was back on the road again; back on the campaign trail. There is really only one question to ask. Why should we believe Butch? Reynolds, Ben Johnson, Katrin Krabbe: they all deny it. So what?

"I am not like other athletes that have been busted for anabolic steroids. I have evidence that I didn't do it. Other athletes break down in the end and admit it. Not me. I have nothing in my closet to hide and I have *evidence*."

There are more than running shoes in Reynolds's baggage. He dug out the written judgment of court case C-2-92-452, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. "This isn't some little court in Ohio," he said. "This was heard by a federal judge appointed directly by the president of the United States."

Reynolds just happened to have a spare copy in his bag along with all the shoes. "I want every athlete in the world to read this," he said. The very thought must give Nebiolo the shivers. It makes horrific reading.

"It is this court's conclusion that the IAAF hearing was not conducted in good faith, was not conducted by an unbiased decision-maker, was not in accordance with the IAAF's own rules and regulations, did not accord Reynolds a full and fair opportunity to participate and resulted in a decision that was not fair and impartial but rather was arbitrary and capricious ...

"The evidence before the court establishes that the IAAF's goal throughout these proceeedings was — and remains — solely to protect its reputation and that of the LaFarge Laboratory."

They concluded that there was a major cock-up in the testing procedure and so they awarded Reynolds the phenomenal sum of $27.3 million: $6.8 million in lost earnings and $20.5 in punitive damages. So far, Reynolds has not seen a cent. In fact, he is quarter of a million down in legal fees.

It all comes to down to the question of power. Sport has always maintained that sport is above the law. The only judge of sport is sport. Over and over again it happens. The matter can be a multi-million dollar dispute, or a petty assault, but sport affirms the same thing: only sport can judge sport. Sport — however arbitrary and capricious — is its own last court of appeal.

Reynolds said: "It is not Butch against the IAAF. It is *athletes* against the IAAF." The problem here is that athletes are not exactly the ideal people for banding together. This is a sport that rewards lonely self-obsession, not the sinking of self into common cause.

The IAAF plays on that neatly by its rule that athletes who compete with a banned athlete are "contaminated". "Divide and conquer," Reynolds said. "And as long as we are divided, they will conquer."

To an athlete, every other athlete is more rival than colleague. There is no group in the world more vulnerable to a divide-and-rule policy. But there are tentative signs of unity in the sport's latest issue: that of prize-money. Athletes want it: the IAAF says, over a large number of dead bodies.

The issues of prize-money and Butch Reynolds are linked. Reynolds says: "It comes down again to the question of athletes' rights. The IAAF should be there to serve the athletes — not their own interests."

This is a classic situation of power politics. It is the individual against the system. But we know who normally wins those struggles, and it is not turbulent individuals. Power, money, prestige. And Butch. There are immensely powerful people involved and most of them wish Reynolds would shut up. At any price. Reynolds has rocked the boat; it is the unforgivable sin.

Reynolds is back, but for how long? Reynolds talked about winning in Toronto, in front of Nebiolo. There are no prizes for guessing what he will say at his post-victory press conference, or, if all goes well, at his post-victory press conference at the world championships this summer.

IN BRIEF

Lowery on song in Pro Bowl

Nick Lowery, of the Kansas City Chiefs, kicked a 33-yard field goal just over four minutes into overtime to lift the American Football Conference (AFC) to a 23-20 victory over the National Football Conference (NFC) in the Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

Howie Long, of the Los Angeles Raiders, set up the victory by recovering a fumble on the NFC's 28-yard line.

The game went into overtime when Rodney Hampton, of the New York Giants, touched down for the NFC with ten seconds left to level the game at 20-20.

Robinson called up

Rugby league: Two exciting prospects to emerge this season, Jason Robinson, scorer of 11 tries for Wigan, and Nigel Wright, of Wakefield Trinity, both 18, are in the Great Britain under-21 squad for the match against France at Rochdale tomorrow week.

SQUAD: Backs: P Atcheson (Wigan), D Bradbury, G Christie (both Oldham), J Donohue (Leigh), J Mosley (Wakefield Trinity), D Mycoe (Sheffield Eagles), M Pearson (Featherstone Rovers), L Penny (Warrington), J Robinson (Wigan), N Wright (Wakefield Trinity). Forwards: P Anderson (Leeds), M Cassidy (Wigan), R Chamberlain (Hull KR), I Hughes (Sheffield Eagles), C Joynt (St Helens), S McCurrie (Widnes), S McNamara (Hull), B Mather (Wigan), M Perrett (Halifax).

Doubt over Falun

Nordic skiing: Organisers of the world championships at Falun, Sweden, worried by the mild weather, spent the weekend making and stockpiling artificial snow for the event, which runs from February 18 to 28. The championships may be moved to Kiruna, in Swedish Lapland, if the weather stays the same, although the organisers said they had yet to consider the move.

Bombay beckons

Hockey: The Hockey Association yesterday confirmed England's participation in the Indira Ghandi tournament in Bombay from March 15 to 22. With the withdrawal of both Holland and Spain, the field has now been reduced to six teams, India, Japan, South Korea, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Belgium and England, who have chosen an under-21 team.

Christie starts

Athletics: Linford Christie, the Olympic champion, will make his first track appearance of the year when he runs the 100 metres in the Adelaide Sugar Games in Australia on Sunday. Christie, who has been training in Sydney with the hurdler, Colin Jackson, has not competed since winning the World Cup 100 metres in Havana in September.

Lambert's stripe

Cricket: Clayton Lambert broke an 18-year-old record for the highest score in the Red Stripe Cup with an unbeaten 263 for Guyana against Windward Islands in Georgetown on Sunday.

Navratilova attempt

Tennis: Martina Navratilova will launch her attempt for a tenth Wimbledon singles title by playing in the Direct Line Insurance grass-court championships at Beckenham from May 31 to June 6.

Horner victory

Squash: Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, beat the Canadian, Heather Wallace, 1-9, 9-7, 9-0, 9-1 to win the Newport women's open championship in Rhode Island.

POOLS FORECAST

DERBY County have lost nine first division games at the Baseball Ground this season and must be wishing their FA Cup fifth-round tie against Bolton Wanderers on Saturday was being played on their opponents' ground.

Bolton, of the second division, have beaten Liverpool and Wolverhampton Wanderers in previous rounds and should be confident of at least taking Derby back to Burnden Park for a replay. Derby have yet to draw at home but this might be their best chance.

A mid-table placing in the first division seems the most that Peterborough United, who lie eleventh, and Wolves, in twelfth, can hope for.

Peterborough have drawn seven matches at home, Wolves have drawn five away, so the odds on a stalemate must be short.

Although bottom of the third division, Gillingham are playing better than their position indicates and can check Scarborough's push for promotion by collecting a home point.

Saturday, February 13 unless stated

FA CUP FIFTH ROUND
X Derby v Bolton
1 Man City v Barnsley
1 Sheff Wed v Southend
Not on coupons: Arsenal v Nottingham Forest; Blackburn v Newcastle; Ipswich v Swansea or Grimsby; Sheffield Utd v Manchester Utd (Sunday); Tottenham v Wimbledon (Sunday)

PREMIER LEAGUE
Not on coupons: Chelsea v Aston Villa; Leeds v Oldham; Southampton v Liverpool

FIRST DIVISION
2 Birmingham v Portsm'th
1 Charlton v Sunderland
X Peterborough v Wolves
1 Swindon v Millwall
1 Tranmere v Luton
2 Watford v West Ham
Not on coupons: Brentford v Cambridge Utd (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
1 Burnley v Chester
2 Exeter v Stockport
1 Hartlepool v Bourn'm'th
2 Hull v Reading
1 Leyton Orient v Plymouth
2 Mansfield v Blackpool
X Preston v Brighton
1 West Brom v Fulham
Not on coupons: Bradford City v Huddersfield (Sunday); Wigan v Rotherham

THIRD DIVISION
1 Cardiff v Torquay
2 Carlisle v Barnet
X Colchester v Bury
1 Crewe v Darlington
2 Doncaster v Wrexham
X Gillingham v Scarboro
2 Hereford v North'pton
1 Rochdale v Shrewsbury
X Scunthorpe v Lincoln
1 York v Walsall

HFS LOANS LGE PREMIER DIVISION
1 Accrington v Gainsboro
1 Bishop Auck v Horwich
X Chorley v Buxton
2 Colwyn Bay v Hyde
2 Ersley v Winsford
1 Fleetwood v Frickley

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
X Basingstoke v Yeading
2 Bognor v Staines
1 Carshalton v Grays
1 Enfield v Marlow
1 Hayes v Kingstonian
1 Hendon v Wivenhoe

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Celtic
X Dundee v St Johnstone
X Hearts v Falkirk
2 Motherwell v Hibernian
2 Partick v Dundee Utd
1 Rangers v Airdrie

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Ayr v Meadowbank
X Cowdenb'th v Dunf'mline
2 Dumbarton v Kilmarnock
1 Hamilton v St Mirren
1 Morton v Clydebank
1 Raith v Stirling

SCOTTISH SECOND
X Albion v Arbroath
2 Berwick v Forfar
1 Brechin v Queen's Pk
2 Montrose v Clyde
X Queen of Sth v E Fife
1 Smith'muir v E Stirling
1 Stranraer v Alloa

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BEST DRAWS: Derby, Peterborough, Gillingham, Hearts, Cowdenbeath.
AWAYS: West Ham, Reading, Blackpool, Wrexham, Staines.

HOMES: Sheffield Wed, Tranmere, Burnley, Cardiff, Crewe, Accrington, Carshalton, Enfield, Aberdeen, Rangers, Raith, Brechin.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Sheffield Wed, Burnley, Cardiff, Enfield, Raith. Aways: West Ham, Wrexham, Staines. Draws: Peterborough, Gillingham, Hearts.

☐ Vince Wright

SWIMMING

Foster thrives on extra training

By Craig Lord

THAT Mark Foster's feet are still firmly on the ground after he set this season's standard for world sprint swimming at the weekend says as much about his new maturity as it does about his talent.

The man who carries Britain's best hopes on the World Cup circuit has discovered what makes his talent dangerous is training.

"I actually enjoy training now," Foster, 22, said. "I am doing more than double the level I was doing last year. I am not easing back for the World Cup. I am just going to do a few less weights on the day before competition."

He could barely complete a 100 metres freestyle in less than 52sec this time last year, but he completed the two lengths of the Georges Vallerey pool, venue of the 1924 Paris Olympic Games, in 48.60sec. He also clocked 22.00sec for 50 metres freestyle and 24.07sec for 50 metres butterfly.

His efforts were among the most spectacular in Paris, where two world short-course records fell to Jani Sievenen, 18, of Finland, and Danyon Loader, 17, of New Zealand. Two Commonwealth records also fell, to Susan O'Neill, 19, of Brisbane.

One of those, however, was to Britain's cost. Before O'Neill's 55.11sec, the 100 metres freestyle had stayed at 55.16sec since June Croft, of Wigan, set that time at Nuneaton almost 11 years ago. The Australian's other success came in 2min 9.39sec in the 200 metres butterfly. The two-day events of the World Cup continue today in Malmö in Sweden.

Meanwhile, Britain has announced its European championships selection policy. British competitors will be required to swim faster than the twelfth-placed European at the Barcelona Olympic Games, although in all but three of 26 events, two British competitors per event have already swum faster than that standard. Nick Gillingham, after winning a bronze medal at the Olympic Games, Britain's only medal success, is pre-selected for the European championships, to be held at Sheffield from July 30 to August 8.

FOOTBALL

Southall blames new rules

NEVILLE Southall, the Everton goalkeeper, yesterday criticised football's lawmakers in the wake of his second sending-off this season.

Southall was dismissed for handball outside the penalty area in the Premier League fixture with Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday — a replica of the incident against Queens Park Rangers in December in which he was also sent off.

"The referee had no choice but to show me the red card," he said. "All the new rules are forcing keepers to forget their hands and use their feet."

Steve McMahon, the Manchester City midfield player, could be out for the rest of the season. It is feared he has ruptured a groin muscle.

☐ Northern Ireland have announced their squad for the World Cup group three qualifying match against Albania in Tirana on February 17.
SQUAD: T Wright (Newcastle United), A Fettis (Hull City); M Donaghy (Chelsea), A McDonald, (Queens Park Rangers), G Taggart (Barnsley), G Fleming (Barnsley), S Morrow (Arsenal), K Wilson (Notts County), K Black (Nottingham Forest), M Hughes (Strasbourg), J Magilton (Oxford United), K Rowland (Coventry City), J Dolan (Reading), P Gray (Luton Town), I Dowie (Southampton), M O'Neill (Dundee United), B McNally (West Bromwich Albion).

YACHTING

Crews react angrily after jury verdict

From Barry Pickthall in Hobart

AS THE British Steel Challenge crews prepare for the next gruelling stage across the Southern Ocean, starting from here on Saturday, the principal topic is not the threat of icebergs or tempests but the controversial decision to reinstate the dismasted yacht British Steel II after her crew effectively retired from the last leg.

The decision taken a week ago by a four-strong panel of respected jurors to give this crew the time it took them to cover the 8,800 miles from Rio de Janerio, despite the fact that they motored for the last 3,065 of those miles, has dumbfounded yachting's establishment and angered rival crews.

The issue led Chay Blyth, the race chairman, to issue a four-page letter of explanation to crews last week, but this has done little to quell the furore. Teams are now talking openly of taking advantage of any small breakages during the next stage to motor through calms to ensure that they are first into Cape Town.

The race is run under the auspices of London's Royal Ocean Racing Club and governed by the rules of the International Yacht Racing Union, supplemented further by ocean racing requirements copied wholesale from the Whitbread race rule book. It is one of these rules, allowing a disabled yacht to motor to the nearest port, make repairs, and then re-join the race, that is central to the argument.

The jury, under guidance from the race committee chaired by Blyth, ruled that this applies equally if the port of call is further down the leg or even the finish. In doing so, they ignored the precedents set during past Whitbread races when disabled yachts have been given a finish time only when they returned to the point of disaster before resuming to race.

"It is not fair to disqualify crews who have put so much into this four leg event, just because they suffer gear failure." Blyth argued. "The British Steel crew averaged only 4.1 knots for the 31 days they had to motor, while other yachts averaged seven knots under sail. That is sufficient a penalty."

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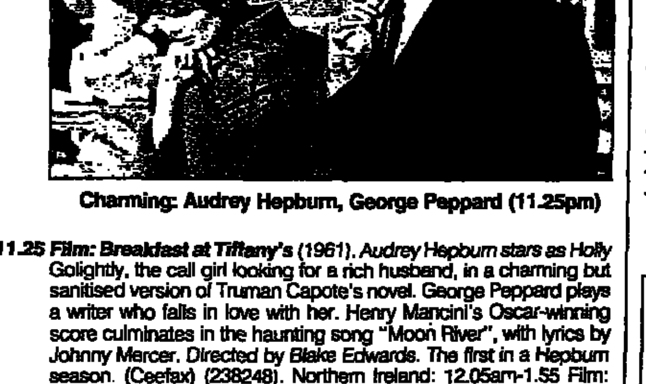
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6.00 Business Breakfast (80489)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (83554489)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a topical discussion (s) (6301034) **9.45 Ross King.** Celebrity game show (s) (6517880)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9199248) ***10.05 Playdays*** *For the very young* (s) (6913118)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present the daily magazine programme. Including at **11.00** and **12.00 News**, regional news and weather (10110557)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh *is joined by* Joanna Lumley and John Woodvine. With music from George Hamilton IV (s) (7884083) **12.55** Regional news and weather (98676354)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton (Ceefax) Weather (68052)
1.30 Neighbours (s) (87196712)
1.50 First Letter First. Don Maclean presents the high-tech word game (s) (87107828)
2.15 Snooker. Dougie Donnelly introduces the Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley Conference Centre. Today's featured match is between Gary Wilkinson and Alain Robidoux, *who play for a place* in the quarter-finals (297538)
3.50 Children's BBC: *Pinocchio*. Cartoon (r) (9573511) **4.15 The Queen's Nose.** Louise Lombard reads a three-part story by Dick King-Smith for *Jackanory* (2861712) **4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show** (2852064) ***4.35 Hangar 17.*** *The* guests are the magician Geoffrey Durham and Take That (3382557) **5.00 Newsround** (1795248) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Drama series (s) (4267625)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (s) (454248). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather (422)
6.30 Regional news magazines (642). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando reports from the Caribbean island of St Lucia; Kathy Tayler samples the quiet life in Serra de Monchique on the Algarve; Sue Cook attempts to visit nine Swiss towns in four days; and John Pitman travels by coach around north Devon (s) (1286)
7.30 EastEnders. Drama with the residents of Albert Square (s) (286)
8.00 Citizen Smith: The Letter of the Law. Robert Lindsay stars as the self-appointed leader of Tooting's Popular Front. Wolfie finds *himself* on the right side of justice (r) (7606)
8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman referees the sporting quiz. Ian Botham's team comprises Welsh rugby captain Ieuan Evans, and Manchester City striker *Niall Quinn. Bill* Beaumont is joined by golfer Barry Lane and hurdler Jon Ridgeon. (Ceefax) (s) (9441)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather (4977)
9.30 Spender: Retreat. The final episode of the crime drama series created by Ian La Frenais and Jimmy Nail. The moody Geordie detective goes undercover to search for *new evidence when the* only prosecution witness in a fraud trial vanishes (147606). Wales: Week in Week Out (49967); 10.00-10.55 Spender (930538)
10.25 Snooker. Dougie Donnelly presents further coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley Conference Centre, featuring Stephen Hendry's first match (933625). *Northern Ireland: Home* Truths (667170); 11.05 Snooker: The Masters (371860). Wales: 10.55-12.35am Film: Breakfast at Tiffany's (15365921



Charming: Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard (11.25pm)

11.25 Film: Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961). *Audrey Hepburn stars as Holly* Golightly, the call girl looking for a rich husband, in a charming but sanitised version of Truman Capote's novel. George Peppard plays a writer who falls in love with her. Henry Mancini's Oscar-winning score culminates in the haunting song "Moon River", with lyrics by Johnny Mercer. *Directed by Blake Edwards. The first in a Hepburn* season. (Ceefax) (238248). Northern Ireland: 12.05am-1.55 Film: Breakfast at Tiffany's (825749). Wales: 12.35-1.45 Snooker: The Masters (9252923) **1.15-1.20am Weather**
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (75749). Ends at **2.45**

BBC2

6.45 Open University: The Planet Earth — A Scientific Model (4668460); **7.10** *The Island*: a Historic Production? (5768719); **7.35** British Car Transplants? (4905880)
8.00 Breakfast News (5520712)
8.15 Westminster. News from both *Houses of Parliament* (2859064)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes (16176977)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (51807267)
2.15 Canvas. Michael Kitson discusses *The Laughing Cavalier* by Frans Hals, part of the Wallace Collection in London (r) (43135996)
2.30 See Hear! Magazine for the hearing impaired (r) (s) (335)
3.00 News and weather (7251422) followed by **Westminster.** Including prime minister's questions (7999915) **3.50 News** and weather, regional news and weather (8125915)
4.00 Snooker. *Conclusion of the match between Gary Wilkinson and* Alain Robidoux in the Benson and Hedges Masters (68267)
5.30 France Means Business: Birth of a Yoghurt. The first of five programmes on the French work ethic, goes behind the scenes at Yoplait as the company launches a new product (151)



Fantasy villain: David Bowie and kidnapped baby (6.00pm)

6.00 Film: Labyrinth (1986) An entertaining fantasy adventure, written by Monty Python's *Terry Jones. David Bowie stars as Jareth, king of* the goblins, who kidnaps Jennifer Connelly's baby brother To rescue him in the alloted 13 hours, our heroine must negotiate the perilous labyrinth. Directed by Jim Henson from *The Muppets.* (Ceefax) (36205118)
7.35 Animation Now. *Back to the Inkwell* (755335)
7.45 Assignment: The Gun and the Veil. Stephen Sackur reports on how Muslim fundamentalism is threatening to undermine the stability of Egypt (904731)
8.30 Food and Drink. The much-maligned chip is given a clean bill of *health by nutritionists; a case of whisky is suggested as a* christening present; and there are three recipes for winter cabbage. Presented by Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jill Goolden (7083)
9.00 Police Squad! Testimony of Evil. Leslie Nielsen stars in the final episode of the cult American comedy series, which spawned the *Naked Gun films. Lieutenant Frank Drebin poses as a nightclub* singer to crack a drugs ring (r) (600847)
9.25 The Ark: Tooth and Claw. The fly-on-the-wall documentary series on the battle to save London Zoo ends tonight with an attempt by a rebel group of keepers and fellows of the Zoological Society to *topple the management. (Ceefax)* (s) (998915)
10.25 Fifth Column. Steven Carter, professor of law at Yale University, argues that the gap is widening between rich and poor black Americans (591170)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (163064)
11.15 The Late Show. The arts and media magazine (s) (223170)
11.55 Weather (955557)
12.00 Open Forum. Howard Stableford chairs a topical discussion (7814774). Ends at **12.25am**
2.00 Nightschool TV. A-level German (43381). Ends at **4.00**

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8539248)
9.25 Runway. Richard Madeley hosts the daily quiz show (9614557) **9.55 London Today.** (Teletext) and weather (6999538)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... A topical discussion (9299996)
10.35 This Morning presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Including at **10.55 ITN News** headlines, **11.55 London Today.** (Teletext) and weather (80768828) **12.10 Wizadora** (6491593)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Teletext). Weather (1136712) **1.05 London Today** (80756828)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian drama series (859373)
1.45 A Country Practice (s) (858644)
2.15 It's a Vet's Life. John Baxter visits a dog grooming salon in Paris, and Jane Beckwith reports on an Aids clinic for cats (840625)
2.45 Families. *Anglo-Australian* soap (2145538) ***3.10 ITN News*** (7279828) **3.15 London Today.** (Teletext) and weather (7278199)
3.20 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz (s) (5135880)
3.50 Children's ITV: Rod 'n' Emu. Cartoon (r) (8112441) **4.00 Toucan Tecs.** Animation (s) (1224064) **4.15 Count Duckula.** Cartoon about a vegetarian vampire (3371335) **4.40 Oasis.** Drama series about children who frequent a wasteland site (8692002)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (s) (8128286)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Carol Barnes (Teletext). Weather (980052) **6.00 London Tonight.** (Teletext) (25828)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (6354)
7.30 A Day in the Life ... In his penultimate film on London's famous landmarks, Desmond Wilcox explores the 800 acres of woodlands and glades that form Hampstead Heath (s) (354)
8.00 The Bill: Echo. DCs Carver and Woods *confront a suspect about a* missing girl. With Mark Wingett and Tom Cotcher (5002)
8.30 The Cook Report: Don't Shoot the Pilot. The fearless Roger Cook presents a disturbing report on the plane industry's habit of blaming pilot error, and not technical faults, for the recent spate of *air disasters* (1809)
9.00 Full Stretch: Deals on Wheels. The comedy drama series about a luxury car hire company ends with Baz (Kevin McNally) almost losing the business, and his chauffeurs being kept busy with a lucrative film contract (s) (4847)
10.00 News at Ten *with Trevor McDonald. Weather (90644)* ***10.30*** **London Tonight** (921170)

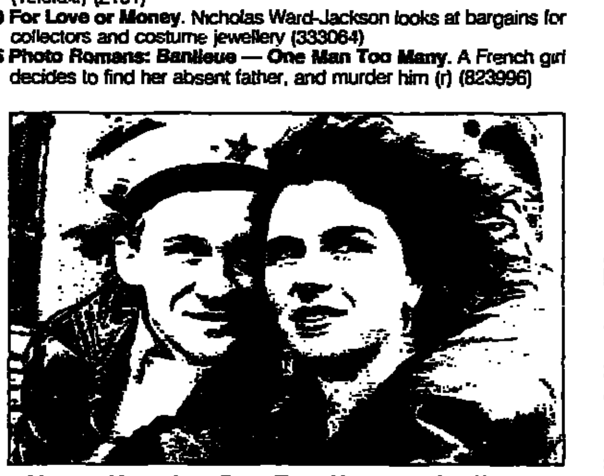


Facing the axe: grim miners at Calverton colliery (10.40pm)

10.40 Viewpoint '93: In the Black
● CHOICE: The punning title of this report from Calverton colliery near Nottingham refers both to the coal dust that blackens the miners' faces and the pit's healthy profit. Calverton is a model of efficiency and high productivity and can sell all the coal it mines. Last year it made £7 million. Yet, it is still on the list of pits due for closure. There seems to be something wrong somewhere. Nearly 700 men stand to lose their jobs and the film forcibly captures their anger, bitterness and feeling of betrayal. It also includes graphic footage shot underground by modern 16mm camera equipment. Advances in technology may have made the job easier but the coal face still looks like the black hell described by George Orwell in the thirties. Yet despite the heat, the dirt and the danger the men are proud to work there and want to go on doing so (s) (292915)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (219002)
12.30am The Little Picture Show. *Mariella Frostrup reviews the latest* video releases, including *Alien³, Henry — Portrait of a Serial Killer, The Living End* and *Shadows and Fog* (26519)
1.30 Film: Four in the Morning (1965, b/w). Atmospheric crime drama in which an unidentified body is washed ashore on the banks of the *Thames. Starring Judi Dench and Norman Rodway. Directed by* Anthony Simmons (96229)
3.30 Quiz Night. Ted Robbins hosts the pub and club quiz (63584)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (21381) **5.00 Riviera.** French-made soap (91720)
5.30 ITN Morning News (83359). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (r) (6627199) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** (9581083)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (98335)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby hosts the comedy quiz (s) (77793)
9.30 Schools (578354)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins reports on the activities of both Houses (97557)
12.30 Sesame Street. Muppet Barkley sings a cappella with Fourteen Karat Soul (43915) **1.30 Lift Off.** Fun for children (99462)
2.00 Film: The More the Merrier (1943, b/w). Sparkling romantic comedy starring Jean Arthur as a woman who allows two men (Charles Coburn and Joel McCrea) to share her Washington apartment. Directed by George Stevens. (Teletext) (137422)
3.55 Waterways. Dick Warner concludes his journey by canal boat from *Dublin to Limerick* (8704644)
4.30 Countdown. The words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (267)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Today's guest, Harriet Braiker, offers working mothers advice on how to cope (8068151)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (r) (514460)
6.00 Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien tests the strength and intellect of two more teams in the labyrinth (r) (s) (16170)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext). Weather (499083)
7.50 Comment. Four buskers complain, in song, about London Underground's attitude towards them (301101)
8.00 Decisions, Decisions. Anne Kelleher reports on how Annie and Jo reacted when told that their sons had cancer. (Teletext) (3644)
8.30 Operation Hospital
● CHOICE: It is December at King's College Hospital and the *Christmas parties are in full swing. But is there much to celebrate?* Those who have followed *Operation Hospital* will know that it has been about money not medicine. The imperative has been to cut costs and improve efficiency. At times it must have seemed that there were more management consultants in the hospital than *doctors. Having spent so much money on these outside experts,* the chief executive, Derek Smith, is disappointed that their reports are not more critical. King's has actually done pretty well. Cutting the budget by more than £5 million certainly appears dramatic, though it would help to know what the budget was. The liveliest *footage concerns disaffected consultants who came near to* staging a coup against what they call macho management. (Teletext) (2151)
9.00 For Love or Money. Nicholas Ward-Jackson looks at bargains for collectors and costume jewellery (333064)
9.45 Photo Romans: Banlieue — One Man Too Many. A French girl decides to find her absent father, and murder him (r) (823996)



Liverpool love story: Peter Firth, Alexandra Pigg (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Letter to Brezhnev (1985)
● CHOICE: The tale of the Liverpool girls and their bitter-sweet encounter with two Russian sailors is essentially a television film, though it pleased cinema audiences as well. Its suitability for the small screen lies in the scale of the drama and an emphasis on acting and writing rather than polished images or intricate cutting. *Letter to Brezhnev* offers a small, slight story, sustained by sprightly playing and salty dialogue. It is no coincidence that both the writer, Frank Clarke, and director, Chris Bernard, cut their teeth on *Brookside*. Alexandra Pigg, also from *Brookside*, and Margi Clarke, the writer's sister, play the girls. Alfred Molina and Peter Firth are the sailors. *If the film suggests that Brezhnev's Soviet Union may be* preferable to a depressed Merseyside, this is not a political tract. There is too much humanity. (Teletext) (s) (525286)
11.40 Love Weekend. In *No Problem*, the first of two cartoons, a man is at odds with his sex drive (484408), followed at **12.00** by *Pink Komkommer about an elderly woman's fantasy* (3401294)
12.15am Dream On: And Sheep Are Nervous. American adult comedy series starring Brian Benben (r). (Teletext) (6080316)
12.50 The Jools Holland Big Band Inside. A charity concert at Downview Prison in Surrey (5289300). Ends at **1.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (5135880) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8128286) **6.00** Home and Away (893489) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (719064) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (354) **12.35am** McCloud (9888720) **2.05** The Little Picture Show (3779836) **3.05** Short Story Theatre (37200923) **3.35** ITV Chart Show (5650923) **4.30** Riviera (20720) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (91720)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 Sons and Daughters (5135880) **6.00** Lookaround (118) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (170) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance (354) **12.35am** McCloud (9888720) **2.05** The Little Picture Show (3779836) **3.05** Short Story Theatre (37200923) **3.35** ITV Chart Show (5650923) **4.30** Riviera (20720) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (91720)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (859373) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (858644) **3.20-3.50** GP (5135880) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8128286) **6.00** Home and Away (893489) **6.25-7.00** Central News (719064) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (354) **11.40** Film: Whisperkill (Loni Anderson and Joe Penny) (839248) **1.25am** Kojak (4246300) **2.25** The Big E (9259720) **3.15** Sport AM (385039) **4.15** Jobfinder (3567687) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3552590)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (859373) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (858644) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2145538) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (5135880) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8128286) **6.00** Home and Away (118) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (170) **7.30-8.00** House Style (354) **12.35am** McCloud (9888720) **2.05** The Little Picture Show (3779836) **3.05** Short Story Theatre (37200923) **3.35** ITV Chart Show (5650923) **4.30** Riviera (20720) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (91720)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (858644) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (5135880) **6.00** HTV News (118) **6.30-7.00** Good Health! (170) **7.30-8.00** The Weekly Eco (354) **12.35am** McCloud (9888720) **2.05** The Little Picture Show (3779836) **3.05** Short Story Theatre (37200923) **3.35** ITV Chart Show (5650923) **4.30** Riviera (20720) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (91720)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** 4 x 4 **7.30-8.00** On the Road with Elinor

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 It's a *Vet's Life* (840625) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5135880) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (118) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (170) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance! (354) **10.40** Midweek Sport (292915) **11.40** Future Perfect (179915) **12.10am-12.30** Coach (8539861) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (91720)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (5135880) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (118) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (170) **7.30-8.00** Love at First Sight (354) **11.40** Tour of Duty (677977) **12.35am** Comedy Tonight (3628958) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (7449132) **2.05** 60 Minutes (9350403) **2.55** Countdown (8170774) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles (42597213) **4.20** Jobs (3465852)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Fair City (858644) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live (25828) **7.30-8.00** Bon Voyage (354) **11.40** Crime Story (677977) **12.35am** McCloud (9888720) **2.05** The Little Picture Show (3779836) **3.05** Short Story Theatre (37200923) **3.35** The ITV Chart Show (5650923) **4.30** Riviera (20720) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (91720)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (858644) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5135880) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (25828) **7.30-8.00** Members Only (354) **12.35am** McCloud (9888720) **2.05** The Little Picture Show (3779836) ***3.05*** *Short Story* Theatre (37200923) **3.35** ITV Chart Show (5650923) **4.30** Riviera (20720) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (91720)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (5135880) **5.55-6.30** Calendar (472996) **7.30-8.00** Love at First Sight (354) **11.40** Tour of Duty (677977) **12.35am** Comedy Tonight (3628958) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (7449132) **2.05** 60 Minutes (9350403) **2.55** Count Down (8170774) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles (42597213) **4.20** Jobs

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (98335) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (77793) **9.30** Schools (578354) **12.00** The *Parliament* Programme (97557) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (49821) **1.00** Sesame Street (99426) **2.00** The Late Late Show (64880) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (5440828) **3.50** Festival (3500248) **3.55** Happy Days (8236422) **4.25** Slot 23 *(8954538)* ***5.00*** *Countdown (7460)* **5.30** Moviewatch (847) **6.00** News; Heno **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4996) **7.30** Mas O Drwn (996) **8.00** Steil (3644) **8.30** News **8.55** Lleifior (1607441) **10.05** The Golden Girls (723557) **10.35** The Sexual Imperative (291286) **11.35** The Avengers *(309064)* ***12.35am*** *For Love or* Money (4522132)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (35498557) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5890489) **9.10** Cartoons (8537267) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (60915) **10.00** Strike it Rich (29731) **10.30** *The Bold and the Beautiful* (39557) ***11.00*** The Young and the Restless (48998) **12.00** Falcon Crest (50538) **1.00pm** E Street (40712) **1.30** Another World (8117101) **2.15** Santa Barbara (497557) **2.45** Maude (496828) **3.15** The New Leave it to Beaver *(486441)* ***3.45*** *The DJ Kat Show (6787034)* **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9847) **6.00** Rescue (3151) **6.30** E Street. (7731) **7.00** Alf (7248) **7.30** Family Ties (3915) **8.00** Seinfeld (8998) **8.30** Anything But Love (8731) **9.00** Murphy Brown (57977) **9.30** Gabriel's *Fire (27354)* ***10.30 MO Studs*** (30286) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (67489) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (41002) **9.30** Nightline (68557) **10.00** Dayline (27373) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (11915) **11.30** Business Report (81793) **1.30pm** Good Morning America (16480) **2.30** Parliament Live (3272996) **3.15** Parliament Live (73808083) **5.00** Live At Five (759267) **7.30** Target (901828) **10.30** Nightline (36880) **11.30** ABC World News Tonight (45691) **12.30** Beyond 2000 (66107) **1.30** ABC News (35010) **2.30** Target (47958) **3.30** ABC News (42403) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (64010) **5.30** ABC News (40403)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2933286)
10.00 Mr Destiny (1990): Michael Caine gives an ordinary man another chance *(75847)*
12.00 The One and Only (1978): Henry Winkler becomes a wrestler (36985)
2.00pm The Last Escape (1970): An American tries to smuggle a scientist away from the Nazis (134460)
3.50 Pop! (1989): Alan Arkin tries to make a better life for his children (195606)
5.50 Mr Destiny (as 10am) (16280793)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (785441)
8.00 Fast Getaway (1991): A martial arts expert helps the police (15489)
10.00 Blue Steel (1990): A psychotic killer engraves the name of a cop, played by Jamie Lee Curtis, on his bullets (534809)
11.45 Impulse (1990): Theresa Russell plays a cop wanted for murder (661712)
1.35am Lethal Error (1991). A mother must prove her son innocent (7158958)
3.05 Halloween V: The Revenge Of Michael Myers (1989): The murderer searches for his niece (578316)
4.45 Mindgames (1989): A hitch-hiker turns nasty (9998861). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm Fool's Parade (1971): James Stewart plans for a good life (32394996)
8.00 The Collector (1965): Based on John Fowles's bestseller (74441).
10.00 Water (1985): Michael Caine is the governor of a British colony (57915). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.40am Walk in the Spring Rain (1970): Ingrid Bergman as a wife who has an affair (47623793)
8.25 Dixie (1943): Biopic of the composer Daniel Decatur Emmett (76271002)
10.00 Flesh and Fantasy (1943, b/w): Three strange tales (13877489)
11.40 The Buccaneer (1938, b/w): Pirate Jean Lafitte aids the Americans (43126064)
1.50pm Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (1991): Adaptation of Tom Stoppard's play (84405880)
3.50 The Lost World of Sinbad *(1963): The* sailor fights pirates and a witch (256441)
5.30 On the Waterfront (1954): Marlon Brando takes on the gangs (18208199)
7.20 Transylvania 6-5000 (1985): Vampire comedy (65025248)
9.00 Thelma and Louise *(1991): Bored* women become fugitives (52180151)
11.15 Blaze (1989): Paul Newman plays the Louisiana governor who had a public affair with a stripper (439373)
1.15am The Handmaid's Tale (1990): *Adaptation of Margaret Atwood's novel set in* the future (746294)
3.05 Partners (1982): Two cops investigate the murder of a gay man (844861)
4.40 The Charge of the Model Ts (1979) A German spy tries to infiltrate the US with a *special car (8535403). Ends at* ***6.00***

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (54441) **7.00** Surfing (62170) **8.00** League Round-Up (70199) **9.00** Stretch (90147) **9.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power *(34199)* ***10.00*** *Fishing The West (45793)* **10.30** Boots & All (46625) **11.30** Stretch (94422) **12.00** PGA Golf (429809) **3.00** Premier League Football Leeds Utd v Manchester Utd (66557) **5.00** Boots & All (5609) **6.00** Soccer News (570286) **6.03** Watersports World (13606) **7.00** WWF Special (87267) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (21064) **11.00** Motor World (18002) **11.30** Sports Special (41977) **12.00-1.00am** Muscle Night (77132)

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6.30am Alpine Skiing (94373) **8.00** Step Aerobics (40642) **8.30** Alpine Skiing (32441) **10.00** Step Aerobics (70489) **10.30** Eurogoals (31793) **11.30** Alpine Skiing *(80083)* ***12.30pm*** *Two Men Bobsleigh* (284538) **3.00** Tennis (51625) **5.00** Alpine Skiing (7967) **6.00** Eurogoals (45644) **8.00** Tennis (2034) **8.30** News (9489) **9.00** Kick Boxing or Athletics (71034) **10.30** Alpine Skiing (90557) **11.30** News (69373)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Tennis Tour (60712) **8.00** Pro Box USA (61441) **9.00** Ten Pin Bowling (76712) **10.00** Pro Kick (73064) **11.00** French Ice Racing Trophy (91335) **11.30** NHL — All Star Game (49731) **1.30pm** Monster Trucks (35828) **2.00** Top Match Football (44064) **3.00** Tennis (96880) **4.00** Pro Bowl (6915) **6.00** Snooker Trickshots (58118) **8.00** World Sports Special (3828) **8.30** Pro Box (99083) **10.30** Snooker League (23373) **12.30-1.00am** NBA Action (71855)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38286335) **6.15** Button Moon (38214118) **6.30** The All New Popeye Show (1013489) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3248606) **7.30** Neighbours (3258441) **8.00** *Sons and Daughters (5847538)* ***8.30*** *East-*Enders (5846809) **9.00** The Bill (5860489) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (5889996) **10.30** Casualty (7655625) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (4925183) **12.00** Sons And Daughters (5840625) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5422170) ***1.00*** *EastEnders (3245977)* ***1.30*** *The Bill* (5421441) **2.00** Porridge (7653354) **2.30** Bread (3773199) **3.00** Dallas (6820719) **4.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3757151) **4.30** Canal Children (3753335) **5.00** Neighbours (7644606) **5.30** Dr Who (3777915) **6.00** *When The Boat Comes In (5447489)* **7.00** Porridge (7657170) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (3754064) **8.00** EastEnders (7673118) **8.30** Bread (7852625) **9.00** Casualty (3556248) **10.00** The Bill (5841354) **10.30** Ripping Yarns (5850002) **11.00** Dick Emery *(8525875)* ***11.30*** *Film. Every Girl Should Be* Married (1948, b/w): A shop assistant sets her heart on a doctor. Starring Cary Grant and Betsy Drake (8839731) **1.00-2.00am** Video Bites (9882923)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air**, with Chris de Souza. Including Joseph Gibbs (Sonata in D minor, Op 1 No 1: Locatelli Trio); Haydn (Symphony No 24 in D: Cantilena under Adrian Shepherd); Reger (Romance in G, Op 50 No 1: Berlin Radio SO under Uros Lajovic, with Hans Maile, violin); Beethoven, arr Cooper (Symphony No 10: City of Birmingham SO under Walter Weller)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Saint-Saëns's *Years at the* Madeleine. Romance, Op 37 (Jean-Pierre Rampal, flute, Marielle Nordman, harp); Piano Trio (Nash Ensemble); Mazurka, Op 21 (*the* composer); Variations on a theme of Beethoven (Philippe Entremont and Gaby Casadesus, pianos)
10.05 Morning Sequence: *Charpentier* (*Airs des* Tapissiers, La malade imaginaire); Litanies de la Vierge: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie); Couperin (Concert No 5 in F, Les goûts-réunis); Rameau (Suite, Dardanus: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Frans Brüggen); Montéclair (La mort de Didon: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie); Couperin (Concert No 7 in G minor, Les goûts-reúnis); Delalande (Te Deum: Les Arts Florissants)
12.00 Chambonnières: *Sophie* Yates plays music by the initiator of the French harpsichord school and musical tributes from those *influenced by him.* Chambonnières (Suite No 1 in A minor); Louis Couperin (Suite in C); D'Anglebert (Tombeau de M de *Chambonnières*); Froberger (Prelude); Couperin (Prelude à l'imitation de Monsieur Froberger), Chambonnières (Suite No 2 in C) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Philharmonic in Carlisle under Edward Downes performs Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and *Ludmila*); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C: Kathryn Stott); Myaskovsky (Symphony No 5 in D); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol)
2.45 Villiers Piano Quartet performs Beethoven (*Allegretto* in B flat for piano trio, WoO 39); *Turina* (*Piano* Quartet in A minor, Op 67); Schumann (Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 47)
3.40 Miklos Rozsa
● CHOICE. Although Rozsa wrote 50 or so concert works, he is best known for his film scores, especially those for *The Lost Weekend, Double Indemnity, Lust for Life* and *El Cid*. He won Oscars for *Ben-Hur, Spellbound* and *A Double Life*. His *Sinfonia Concertante*, getting its first UK broadcast today, was originally written for the cellist Piatigorsky and the violinist Heifetz, but they *squabbled so ferociously in* rehearsal that two other soloists took part in the first performance in 1966.
4.30 The Myth Maker: The American record producer *George Avakian talks to* Ian Carr about his work with the pianist Dave Brubeck
5.00 In Tune: Anthony Burton talks to the pianist Rudolf Firkusny
7.30 Boulez Conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra; Ensemble Intercontemporain, with Dmitri Vassilakis, piano, Laszlo Hadady, oboe, Maria Ewing, soprano, perform Messiaen (Un vitrail et des oiseaux); Boulez (Derive II); Carter (Oboe Concerto); Carter (Three Occasions); Messiaen (Poèmes pour Mi)
9.20 The Big Thicket: The American writer Edward Swift tells the second of five stories
9.30 Russian Piano Music: Glazunov (Variations in F sharp minor, Op 72); Rachmaninov (Prelude in D, Op 23 No 4); Tchaikovsky (Variations in F, Op 19 No 6), played by Piers Lane (r)
10.05 Haydn and Simpson: Delmé Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 54 No 1); Simpson (String Quartet No 2) (r)
10.45 Night Waves, with Roy Porter
11.30 Berlioz and Dvořák: BBC Scottish Symphony under Takuo Yuasa performs Berlioz (Overture, King Lear); Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am *Shipping* **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for *the Day* ***8.40*** *Yesterday in* Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 Nina Myskow in Knightsbridge (**FM** only): The columnist discusses shopping
10.00 Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 A Confession: Leo Tolstoy's autobiography (4 of 10) (**LW** only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: talks to Elkie Brooks and explores the changing role of botanical gardens. Incl **11.00** News
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00pm You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 The Older Woman: Zoe Wanamaker, Martin Clunes and Toyah Wilcox star in Tony Bagley's black comedy (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (s)
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre: Jack in the Box, by David Marshall. Peter Jeffrey, Peter Gunn and Polly James star in this play about a scheming boss, a dead husband and a dizzy wife. *Now that Jack is gone*, his opportunistic boss, Mr Welsher, can turn his attention to Jack's wife, Jill. But has Jack really "gone"? (s)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares **Notes** with Odaline de la Martinez and Ingrid Culliford, joint founders of the ensemble Lontano (s)
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives: Joanna Buchan with tales that appeal to all six senses (**FM** only)
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (**LW** only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Investigates dance festivals around the country and reviews new books by Armistead Maupin and Russell Lucas (s)
4.45 Short Story: Caring, by Judith Cutler. Read by Ann Rye
5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Frank Partridge
5.50 Shipping
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Second Thoughts: Starring James Bolam as Bill and *Lynda Bellingham as Faith in* the series by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 File on 4 with Stuart Simon (s)
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Miles Kington Interview
● CHOICE: Putting words into dead celebrities' mouths for the last time in this irresistible series, Kington has Napoleon's Josephine expressing sympathy for the present Princess of Wales ("I united all the family against me, too, so I know exactly how *she feels*"). Kington encourages Josephine to talk of other domestic matters, such as changing her outfits three times a day and never wearing the same stockings twice. "That saves washing", ventures Kington, helpfully. "I wouldn't know", comes the empress's frosty retort. "I've never washed a stocking!"
8.45 In Touch: Reporting on the difficulties blind customers face with their banks. With Peter White
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Evil Cradling. Brian Keenan reads his account of his four and a half years as a hostage in Lebanon (2 of 10)
11.00 Stanza on Stage: Andrew McAllister introduces poet Roger McGough in performance with guitarist Andy Roberts from St George's, Brandon Hill in Bristol
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (**FM** only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Goes to Your Place: Bath **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** The Record Producers: Clive Langer and Alan Winstanley (r) **10.00** Paul Gambaccini Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Neil Kinnock **7.00** An Actor's Life for Me: Final episode of Paul Mayhew-Archer's comedy **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** The Joint is Jumping! **10.00** Hollywood Hoofers (2/4) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** *Steve Madden with Night Ride* ***3.00-5.00*** *Alex Lester*

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 5.00am** World Service: World News; **5.08** News About Britain; **5.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** A Century Remembered: General Strike (r) **1.05** Schools: Infant Science — See for Yourself; **1.20** First Steps in Drama, **1.40** Wordplay; **1.50** Singing Together, **2.10** Time to Move, **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Secret of the Indian, by Lynne Reid Banks (2/5) **7.30** Football Plus, with Jonathan Legard: Crystal Palace v Aston Villa; Ipswich v QPR **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** Business Report ***4.40*** *Travel and Weather* ***4.45*** *Programmes in* German **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** News Ideas **7.50** Writers in a Nutshell **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** International Recital **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Inside the Photograph Album **9.30** Images of Britain **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** Discovery **10.30** Unravelling Ravel **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Picnic at Hanging Rock **2.45** Musical Mavericks **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News ***8.10*** *The World Today* ***8.25*** *Words of Faith* ***8.30*** *Europe Tonight* **9.00** News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** International **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Travelling Tales **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '93 **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Images of Britain

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1: Hiroko Nakamura); Gade (Five Songs) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Opera Guide with Hugh MacPherson **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Orchestre National de France under Inbal performs Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin), Brahms *(Piano Concerto No 1: Elizabeth Leonskaja); Bruckner (Symphony in F minor)* ***10.00*** *Adrian* Love **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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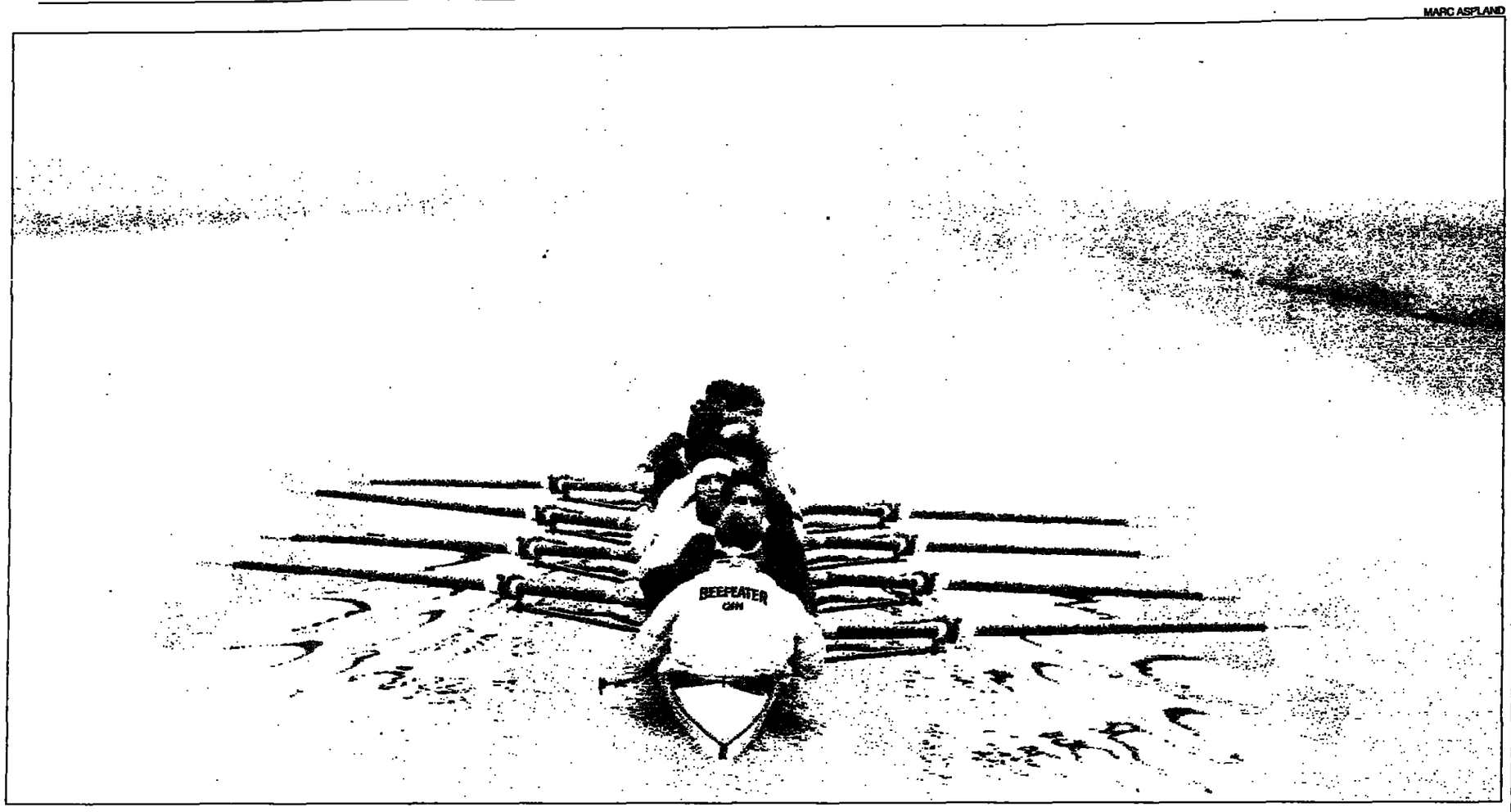
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Early one morning: the Cambridge crew finds calm before Boat Race storm

MARC ASPLAND



Peaceful waters: a Cambridge training combination led by the American international, Jon Bernstein, sets off on a dawn outing on the Ouse. Oxford have already disclosed their likely crew for the Boat Race on March 27 but the Light Blues are being less forthcoming. Cambridge again have the triumvirate of John Wilson, Sean Bowden and Vladimir Bachev in charge of regular coaching but they will be joined in early March by the New Zealander, Harry Mahon, the Swiss national coach. Cambridge are staying at Ely for the next few weeks, venturing on to the Thames on February 27 for a race against a Molesey crew which is likely to include at least one of the Searle brothers, Johnny and Greg, who won the Olympic gold medal for coxed pairs. The official Boat Race challenge, scheduled for February 22, usually coincides with the announcement of the race crews but the coach Sean Bowden said: "There is no way we will guarantee the selection of a crew until we have seen it perform."

Pilgrim's cause taken up by MPs

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE case of Steve Pilgrim progressed to Westminster last night. A parliamentary motion was tabled, deploring the year-long ban on the England B full back by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) for having a rugby league trial with Leeds last week. It has set the sports on a seemingly unavoidable collision course.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, is to be pressed by a 70-strong rugby league lobby group in Parliament later this week to take up the matter with the RFU, and enquire into the extent of payments and financial inducements for players to move between clubs that allegedly infests rugby union.

Both hypocrisy and "shamateurism" have been a traditional part of league's lexicon for the amateur code, but have never before been trundled out as weapons for war with rugby union, which would be the likely consequence should Brooke heed the call of the all-party group for action.

Such a step by the government would be a surprise, although the issue of civil rights and the Pilgrim affair, coupled with the timing of the leaked Welsh Rugby Union report suggesting that at least one player was paid £30,000 for taking part in the South African centenary tour in 1989, is provoking awkward questions about the credibility of union's amateur status.

David Hinchcliffe, MP, the rugby league group secretary, who tabled last night's motion, said: "How can union remain an amateur game? Where is the honesty in all this? A player has been made the unfortunate scapegoat, when all the time money is appearing in boots and players are being lured from one club to another by lucrative inducements."

If Pilgrim, 25, had experimented with any other professional sport, his career with Wasps would have remained unblemished. Union Regulation 2.3, however, is unequivocal, about no person playing with a non-amateur club or organisation involved in any other type of rugby football.

The player pleaded ignorance. The RFU said Pilgrim should have read the rulebook. Leeds, meanwhile, are still not sure whether to sign him.

Barnes future rests with Gascoigne partnership

BY STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE two most naturally gifted footballers in the country promise to be reunited for the first time for two years tomorrow week. John Barnes, who was at last recalled to the England squad yesterday, and Paul Gascoigne will surely play together in the World Cup qualifying tie at Wembley against San Marino.

If not, the consequences, for one of them, are dire. England's manager warned against assumptions being drawn but Barnes, should he be considered too much of a luxury at home against the tiny republic, will wonder when he is worth a place in the side.

The natural conclusion would be never — at least not while Gascoigne is deployed in the position that he himself filled so promisingly before his own international career was interrupted. It was against Argentina in May two years ago that Graham Taylor first introduced a withdrawn forward with a free role into his formation.

Barnes, operating behind Lineker and Smith, was an inspirational spark in the 2-2 draw but, the victim of recurring injuries culminating in a ruptured Achilles tendon, he has since been unable to complete an international. The plan was discarded until Gascoigne, the only other suitable candidate, recovered from his wounds.

The role is appropriate for both because it releases them from mundane defensive duties, work in which neither specialises, and allows them to concentrate exclusively on their constructive ability. They are, as Taylor suggested yesterday, "arguably the best talent we've produced in the last 15 years".



Taylor: experimenting against San Marino

Only Hoddle was in the same technical class, but he was never consistently offered by an England manager the protection he required. Had Gascoigne removed all doubts about the fragility of his knee and his stamina, he might not have been given such freedom when he resumed against Norway four months ago.

He responded then and especially during the 4-0 win over Turkey in November. Since Taylor is unlikely to needlessly change either his line-up or the shape of his attack, Gascoigne can expect to continue to roam and act as a prompter, presumably for Arsenal's spearhead, Smith and Wright.

Barnes, though, will not necessarily come back in his former role, on the left flank, which he finds so restricting. "Now we've got to see whether they can play together with both of them playing in a manner where they can be involved", Taylor said. "I haven't got six months in which to find that out.

"Maybe the argument in the past has been that we haven't always protected our most gifted players, although I don't necessarily agree. I've tried to provide a platform for Gascoigne. Now we've got to see how many players we can provide that platform for, but I don't want people to assume that Barnes will play."

Taylor could not have scheduled an easier game in which to conduct an experiment. San Marino, one of the weakest nations in the whole World Cup qualifying competition, have lost all 12 of their internationals so far and invariably by a hefty margin. The Norwegians, for instance, put ten goals past them at the end of last year.

No matter how Barnes and Gascoigne fare together, therefore, their re-integration will be largely irrelevant. The forthcoming visit to Turkey and especially the home game against Holland on April 28, which promises to be one of group two's most crucial fixtures, are tests which belong on another scale.

Barnes has come in for the injured Salako, Smith for Shearer and Steven for Jobson, who has been dropped down to the list of stand-by players. Sharpe, Jones and Keown have been omitted, but merely temporarily.

Doubts persist, however, over the availability of the captain. Pearce, who has been absent from the Nottingham Forest side because of a damaged groin, will lead the side only if he is fit enough to represent his club on Saturday.

However, he has not given up hope of recovering in time to retain his captaincy. After a spell in the treatment room, he is training again and hopes to prove his fitness in a reserve game at Rotherham on Thursday. If he comes through that test without any problems, he could play for Forest in Saturday's FA Cup fifth-round tie with Arsenal at Highbury, five days before the visit of San Marino.

ENGLAND

SQUAD: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday), D Seaman (Arsenal), L Dixon (Arsenal), D Bardsley (QPR), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), A Dorigo (Leeds United), D Walker (Sampdoria), A Adams (Arsenal), G Pallister (Manchester United), T Steven (Rangers), D Platt (Juventus), D Batty (Leeds), C Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday), P Ince (Manchester United), P Gascoigne (Lazio), P Merson (Arsenal), A Sinton (QPR), J Barnes (Liverpool), A Smith (Arsenal), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), I Wright (Arsenal), L Ferdinand (QPR). Standby: N Martyn (Crystal Palace), P Parker (Manchester United), R Jobson (Oldham Athletic), L Sharpe (Manchester United), B Deane (Sheffield United).

Roxburgh stakes first cup claim on Durie

BY RODDY FORSYTH

SCOTLAND will not allow Gordon Durie to play for Tottenham Hotspur against Wimbledon in the FA Cup fifth round on Sunday. Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, said yesterday. The decision follows Durie's inclusion in the Scotland squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Malta at Ibrox next week, a game that they must win to have any prospect of reaching the finals in the United States in 1994.

"It's all very sad that this should happen, particularly in a World Cup week," Roxburgh said. "As you know, we had problems when we played our opening World Cup game against Switzerland when we tried to be nice to everybody and we permitted two of our players [McClair and McAllister] to play in a televised match on the Sunday, something which disrupted our preparations.

"Now what we've said here is that Gordon Durie has been a first-team choice for us so we're picking him and it's up to the Football Association to sort it out.

"The FA has organised cup matches next Sunday encroaching into their own World Cup preparations.

"I just can't believe that they've decided to do this and I think if England had been playing say Holland, you can be pretty sure it wouldn't have happened. If the Tottenham game had been on Saturday instead of Sunday, there would have been no problem, but now we're going to have to get Gordon Durie fit and gamble on his fitness. There is no need for that.

"This isn't like playing San Marino, where you only have to cope with part-timers," Roxburgh added. "Malta definitely know what they're about and they frustrated both Portugal and Italy, so much so that I thought the Italians were very lucky to win on their visit to Malta, especially since the Maltese missed a penalty kick."

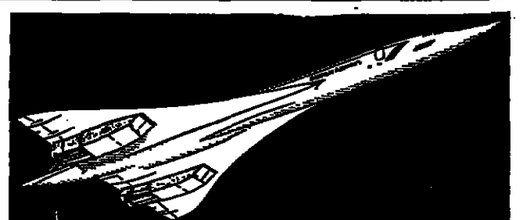
It seems likely that, if all are fit, Roxburgh could open with an attacking formation which would pair Durie with Ally McCoist, augmented by the exciting Aberdeen forward, Eoin Jess, who scored both goals in his side's 2-0 defeat of Dundee United on Sunday.

Jess has attracted widespread attention from English clubs, as has another Pittodrie prospect, the gifted defender, Stephen Wright, who is also included in the squad. So too is Duncan Shearer, whose career has revived since his tranfer from Blackburn Rovers last summer to such a degree that he is named despite the fact that on Sunday he started a match for the first time in three months because of injury.

Another forward who may be called upon to deploy his close control if Malta defend in depth is Pat Nevin, of Tranmere Rovers. It appeared that Nevin may have jeopardised his international chances by moving to Tranmere, but since he and the club have prospered better than most outsiders had anticipated, Roxburgh declared his inclusion is therefore justified.

SCOTLAND

SQUAD: T Boyd (Celtic), J Collins (Celtic), G Durie (Tottenham Hotspur), A Goram (Rangers), R Gough (Rangers), B Gunn (Norwich City), E Jess (Aberdeen), M Malpas (Dundee United), G McAllister (Leeds United), S McCall (Rangers), A McCoist (Rangers), A McLaren (Heart of Midlothian), A McLeish (Aberdeen), D McPherson (Rangers), P McStay (Celtic), P Nevin (Tranmere Rovers), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian), D Shearer (Aberdeen), S Wright (Aberdeen).



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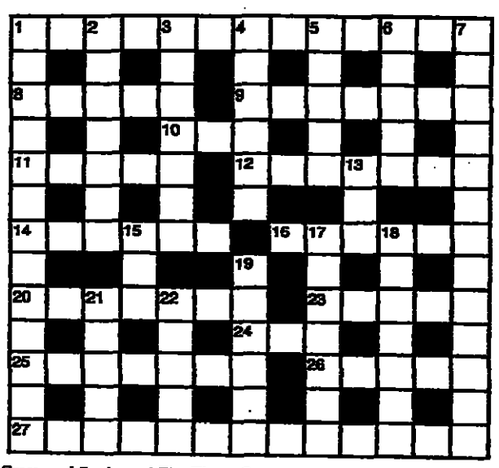
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8 Malfunction (3,2)
9 John Lennon widow (4,3)
10 Sheltered side (3)
11 Tundra steppe forest (5)
12 A person (7)
14 Lace hole (6)
16 Small herrings (6)
20 Exonerate (7)
23 Vomit (5)
24 Male pig (3)
25 Difficulty (7)
26 Dipper bird (5)
27 Parsifal composer (7,6)

DOWN
1 Seek sympathy (4,3,6)
2 Larger than normal (7)
3 Put in position (7)
4 Most timid (6)
5 Old rope fibre (5)
6 IRA terrorist (5)
7 Foreign Oxford grant student (6,7)
13 Make mistake (3)
15 Common lion name (3)
17 Covered walk frame (7)
18 Craftsman (7)
19 Decapitate (6)
21 Impassive type (5)
22 Scales Zodiac house (5)



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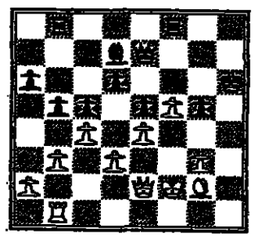
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Sevo — Jakupec, Zagreb, 1992. White is a whole rook down in this position, and so must do something fairly drastic to justify his play. How did he achieve this?



Solution page 36

WORD POWER

By PHILIP HOWARD

PSAMMIC
a. Structured like a psalm
b. Living in the sand
c. Palm resin

DGHAISA
a. Sleeping sickness
b. An Ashanti warrior
c. A Maltese boat

YPERITE
a. Mustard gas
b. A pink crystal stalagmite
c. A overarching rite

JACOB'S LADDER
a. A type of lift
b. The lower vertebrae
c. A white clematis

Answers on page 36

